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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

"MU-SO-LIT" CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

DR. A. M. CURTIS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dinner Tendered the District Grand Master William L. Pollard by Lodge—Preparations for Entertaining Chas. Banks.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

Washington, D. C., January 20.—The "Mu-So-Lit Club," the "crack" musical, literary and social organization of the national capital, made up of seventy of the leading professional and business men of the race, held its annual meeting Friday night and elected the following officers:

President, Dr. A. M. Curtis; vice-president, William H. Clifford; recording secretary, Oliver Randolph; corresponding secretary, John Wesley Cromwell, Jr.; financial secretary, W. H. Haynes; treasurer, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley. The new members elected and added to the club's roster were: Hon. John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds; Dr. W. C. McNeill, secretary of Howard Medical School; Prof. H. C. Shurlock of Howard University faculty; Ocea Taylor, one of the editors of the Washington American; George H. Cox and D. D. Monroe of the census office; W. T. Ferguson of the navy department; Dr. W. L. Tignor, a practicing physician; J. C. Burlis of the Interior Department; Lawrence C. H. Bradley of the public schools, and W. Sidney Pittman, the architect.

Following the business session, Dr. E. E. Underwood, a prominent physician of Frankfort, Ky., and editor of the "Blue Grass Bugle," and Editor W. D. Johnson, of the Lexington (Ky.) Standard, visiting guests of the organization, delivered felicitious addresses indicating their pleasure at meeting so many of the representatives, educational, commercial, political and other "lights" of the national capital and appreciative of the lavish hospitality that had been extended upon all sides. Judge Robert H. Terrell spoke feelingly of the strong support his friends had given him in his fight for reappointment to the municipal bench; Register W. T. Vernon paid an eloquent tribute to the virile forces of Washington who had made his stay in the capital so pleasant and profitable; R. R. Horner, of the board of education, told the Kentuckians how delighted the club was to have them present, and Mr. Gilchrist Stewart, of New York, "put over" a few of the witty stories for which he is famous. Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal of the Armstrong Technical High School, who has just finished his third term as president, occupied the chair and said many happy things which made the evening a most enjoyable one.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, the new president of the "Mu-So-Lit," is one of the race's most distinguished surgeons, being as Lieut. T. H. R. Clark said, in presenting his name for the position, to the Negro medical profession in this country what Dr. Mayo is to the whites. He is a graduate of Lincoln University and of the Northwestern University Medical School of Chicago, finishing at the latter institution in 1891. He was the first colored physician to be appointed on the staff of the Cook County Hospital, and was one of the founders ofthe Provident Hospital for colored people. He served four years most satisfactorily as surgeon-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital at Washington and is now a member of the consulting staff of this $750,000 institution and associate professor of surgery in the medical school of Howard University. He is chairman of the surgical section of the National Medical Association, and is conceded to be the reigning favorite in the race for the presidency of that body. As president of the Mu-So-Lit and chairman of the committee on entertainment of the local committee of physicians, Dr. Curtis will have much to do with making the visit of the Medical Association here in August a gala occasion. Dr. Curtis' popularity in his own home was duly attested by the fact that he was chosen to this desirable presidency by a unanimous vote, and maid the wildest acclaim.

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Chief W. R. Griffin was master of ceremonies at the public installation Monday night of the 1,275 officers of the eighty-five subordinate lodges of the True Reformers at the hall of the order, Twelfth and U streets. Among those invited to deliver addresses were Register W. T. Vernon and Auditor Ralph W. Tyler.

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Mr. Burton A. Brooks, eldest son of Major Arthur Brooks, of the White House staff, died last Wednesday and was buried Saturday from his residence, 2021 M street, northwest. The young man was in his twenty-third, year and a promising future before him. A sharp attack of pneumonia cut short his career, much to the regret of a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted under the auspices of the Young Men's Protective League, of which the deceased was a member.

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Lawyer J. C. Robertson, of Richmond, Va., general uocnsel for the United Order of True Reformers, addressed the Sight-Seeing Automobile Company's weekly mass meeting Wednesday night at True Reformers' Hall, and was afterwards the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by Chief W. R. Griffin at Murray's U Street Cafe. Grand Secretary W. P. Burrell, who ran over from Richmond on business, was also present, giving his friends a pleasant surprise.

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Senator Joseph Benson Foraker paid his first visit to the White House Monday morning and had a chat with President Taft. It is said that the differences that have kept these eminent statesmen apart have been amicably adjusted, and that a working agreement has been reached. Some surprising alliances among the local colored statesmen are also hinted at, and there are signs that the olive branch of peace is soon to wave in quarters where the apple of discord has been conspicuous for many moons. Verily, politics doth make strange bed fellows.

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A public mass meeting was held Tuesday evening at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church as a mark of respect to Bishop Alexander Walters, who, by direction of the missionary department of the Zion connection, is on his way to Arfica. Bishop Walters was accompanied to the city by Rev. R. A. Morrissey, of Philadelphia, missionary secretary of Zion. All of the pastors of the connection participated and were joined by pastors of the sister churches of the community, anxious oo do honor to the distinguished prelate. Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of Galbraith, opened the exercises and introduced Bishop J. W. Smith, of the Washington district, who presided during the evening. The church was crowded to the doors, and the bishop, who goes to the "Fatherland" with a message of Christian hope, was bidden God-speed in the heartiest and most sincere fashion. The affair was under the joint idrection of the Zion churches and missions of the District. The commtitee on arrangements, which labored so faithfully to make the occasion the brilliant success that it was, embraced Miss Emma V. Wallace, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Mrs. Clara Brooks, Miss Josephine Patterson, Miss Sarah J. Janifer, James A. Davis, Frank Spriggs, J. H. M. Young, Frank Wells, Edward Greenleaf and Rev. S. L. Corrothers. Bishop Walters sails for Monrovia, Liberia, from New York on the 26th.

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Elaborate arrangements are being made for the appearance in this city of Mr. Charles Banks, first vice-president of the National Negro Business League and president of the Mississippi State Business League, who, with Isaiah T. Montgomery, led in the founding of the thriving Negro town of Mound Bayou in the rich delta region of Mississippi. This unique community is owned, controlled and officered entirely by Negroes. It has a population of several hundred and has but one white inhabitant. The post-office, bank, newspaper and printing office, cotton mill, warehouses, stores, farms and all are acrried on by Negroes, and the ticket agent and local representative of the express companies are colored men. Mr. Bank comes under the auspices of the Washington Commercial Council, of which Architect John Anderson Lankford is president. His subject will be "The Story of Mound Bayou." Friday evening, January 28, has been selected as the date, and the exercises will take lpace at the Lincoln Temple Memorial Congregational Church, Eleventh and R streets, northwest. The colored business men of the city will turn out en masse to give Mr. Banks a royal reception, and it is expected that a number of the members of the National Negro Business League, returning from the executive committee meeting in New York, will also be present. Among them will be Messrs. Emmett J. Scott, M. M. eLwey, Dr. S. A. Furniss, J. E. Bush, J. B. Bell, W. T. Andrews, J. C. Napier, J. C. Jackson, and probably Dr. Booker T. Washington himself. The local committee, headed by President Lankford and Messrs. T. J. Calloway, Daniel Freeman, R. W. Thompson, W. R. Griffith, Nathan Bell, F. Morris Murray, Rev. William Jenifer, Rev. J. D. Pare, J. W. Stockton, Capt. T. L. Leatherwood and A. H. Underdown, are getting things in readiness for the commercial awakening that the coming of Mr. Banks promises.

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On Thursday evening last A. K. Manning Lodge No. 2361, G. U. O. of O. F., of which he is a member, tendered a dinner in honor of District Grand Master William L. Pollard in the auditorium of Odd Fellows Hall. A full attendance of the membership of the lodge was present, together with a number of past grand masters and the military staff, as well as other prominent members of the order in this jurisdiction. A bountiful and excellent menu was furnished, after which words of commendation of Mr. Pollard's superb administratrion and that of his executive board were spoken by many of the guests present.

The ceremonies were presided over by Jacob Fenderson, P. N. F. and P. S. of the lodge. Several of the speakers congratulated the guests of the evening upon the excellent condition of the order, and from the large attendance from every section of the city there was ample evidence that the spirit of union and getting together is pervading the order, carrying out the spirit ofharmony and singleness of purpose led to the unanimous election of Mr. Pollard to the grand master's ehair at the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge. Indeed, the affair took on the nature of a "love feast," and declarations of desires to make the present administration the banner period in the history of Odd Fellowship in the District of Columbia were manifested by all the speakers.

Enthusiastic addresses were made by ex-Grand Master James H. Coleman, ex-Grand Master Daniel Webster, ex-Grand Director of the S. C. M., J. F. N. Wilkinson; Thomas H. Wright, president of the Add Fellows Hall Association; Joseph Manning, treasurer of the Hall Association; Samuel W. Watson, secretary of the Hall Association; M. V. P. Rev. W. J. Howard, D. D., William I. Lee and ex-D. D. G. M. Richard Williams. Among other members of the order present were members of the executive committee, D. D. G. M. Charles Harris, D. G. S. Charles S. Hill, D. G. Treasurer Henry W. Honesty, D. G. Director J. C. Pollard, W. E. Wills, George Cook, I.W. Scott, James H. Wiley, George Taylor, Edwin Taylor, Walter West and John E. Pollard. The very successful affair was under the direction of a committee of seven, with Charles West as chairman and James H. Wiley as secretary.

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The Brownsville Court of Inquiry is holding daily sessions and rapid progress is now being made in the disposition of the cases that called the court into existence. It is reported that 132 of the 167 members of the "Black Battalion" have applied for reinstatement, and it is expected by the attorneys for the discharged men that most of those not heard from will yet put in an appearance. Subpeonas are being issued for every witness that the court can reach, and if any of the soldiers have not been served with a writ for any reason, they can secure such service, gtoether with transportation and expenses, by writing to Capt. C. R. Howland, recorder of the Brownsville Court of Inquiry, 1703 New York avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. The friends of the Twenty-fifth here are extremely anxious that every man seek reinstatement, both for the vindication that it carries and for the handsome financial returns that go with it. Back pay from the time of the discharge will be allowed, and all rights and privileges withdrawn will be renewed, giving each a "clean bill of health" as loyal, upright American citizens. The court must make its report to the War Department by April 9, so it will be seen that all who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should apply at once. The situation is said to look brighter at this time than at any previous period in the history of the "celebrated case."

A pathetic scene was enacted in the court the other day in which the chairman, Gen. S. B. M. Young, and a colored private, John Kirkpatrick, were the principal actors. Kirkpatrick had come on from Chicago, where he has been living ofr a year or more, going there shortly after his discharge from the service. He mounted the stand to give his testimony touching the Brownsville "shoot-up." As he proceeded, it was noticed that the veteran general watched him quizzically, as if trying to recall something that had almost passed from memory. An incident in the recital of his personal history brought the missing page, and General Young recognized in Kirkpatrick a faithful servitor in his regiment during the most exciting crisis in the Spanish-American War. There was an exchange of greetings and reminiscenes, and as the witness retired from the court room kind-hearted General Young followed him to the door. After giving Kirkpatrick some fatherly counsel and wishing him good luck, the veteran campaigner was observed to sigh and wipe away a tear before resuming the hearing that had just been interrupted by a dramatic scene not down on the program.

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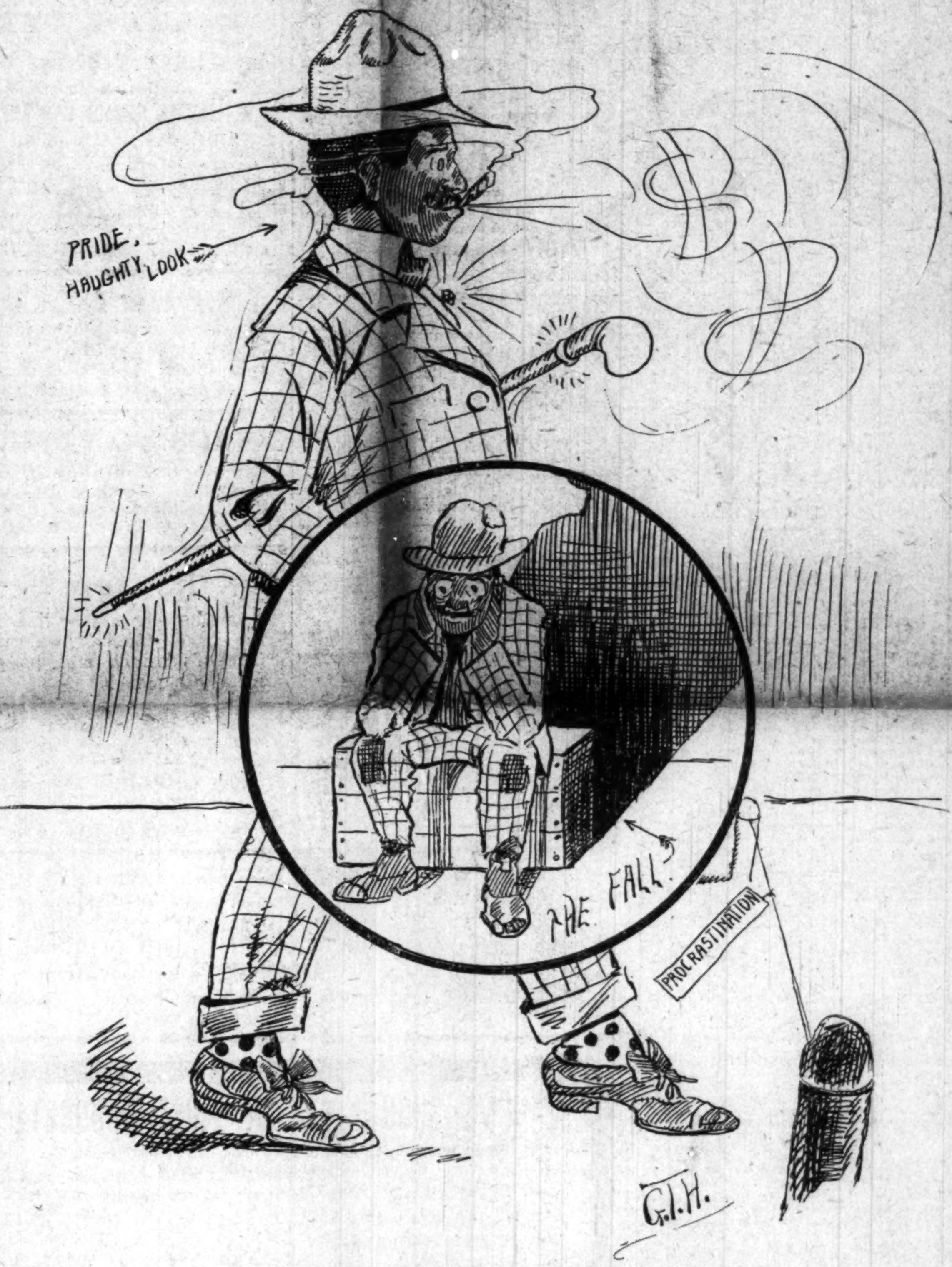

The way of a fall is most always down.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

"Sin Killer Griffin preached to several large audiences, his theme being "The World Is Being Robbed Every Day," "A Preacher's Son Among Gamblers," "The Policy Players," and other subjects of interest to our race. We hope that it will be adhered to by many of those who heard the Doctor while here. Never before was the divine so very eloquent in his presentations of good logic to his hearers on the topics of the day. His preaching was about whot many were looking for. He will visit various points in Texas before returning to the North and East....Dr. R. S. Jenkins is urging our people to buy homes and be benefactors to the race while on his ministerial work...."Fat Jack," better known as John Harris, scored a big lead at his playhouse when he put on the Johnson and Ketchel twelve-round battle in moving pictures. Each performance was largely attended, and the cleverness of champion Jack Johnson with his opponent was cheered to the echo....Judge A. S. Wells, of this city, was unanimously elected president and secretary of the Colored League of the Lone Star State. The Judge is a stanch enthusiast of the game, and has studied the fine points, and will be of valuable service in the newly elected position to the board of managers, captains and players....Mr. and Mrs. James Crittenden have moved into their new home on Flora street....Mrs. A. E. Overton has been visiting friends in various parts of the State for a few weeks....The Guess Who Literary and Social Club opened its suite of rooms in the Central Hotel building with favorable prospects for the future. You will not find the "Come one, come all" sign on their door. It is a chartered organization for members and its officers, and it will not be operated as other clubs are operated here and elsewhere—for the revenue. They ask for good moral young and old men who are desirous of having a choice place to attend a debate on the topics that will be of great value to their literary uplift and gentlemanly attainment among our people here; also for business and social chat, and an evening dance if desired, and for the entertainment of visiting friends from out of town. These quarters are complete in every detail—a neat library full of choice books by Negro authors; also journals and magazines, easy chairs, mission furniture, chandeliers, art squares, draperies, with wall paper to match parlors.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. N. P. Pullum, of Houston, Texas, after a stay of ten days conducting revival meetings for Dr. J. F. Walker, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, West Ninth street, left for home on the 18th. During his stay about forty-two were added to the church. He was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Whorton, in John street....The B. Y. P. U. of Zion Church was largely attended last Sunday evening. Mrs. Matilda Floyd sang a beautiful solo, "We Shall See Him Face to Face." The juvenile choir, under the direction of Prof. Shirley Hawkins, joined in the chorus. The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday evening from 7 to 8. Everybody cordially invited....Rector R. C. James, of St. Andrew's P. E. Church, lectured last Sunday evening on "The Protestant Episcopal Church and Why So Called," which was highly appreciated. He will lecture again Sunday at 7:45 p. m. on "Church Symbolism." These lectures will continue until March 13. A hearty welcome to all....The Allen Temple, Brown Chapel and St. John A. M. E. Zion churches are engaged in union revival services, and great interest is being manifested....Rev. William Balay is visiting this city. He will preach at Zion Baptist Church on Thursday night....Dr. J. B. Anderson, pastor of Zion Church, Dayton, Ohio, is assisting Dr. Wyatte, of the Antioch Baptist Church, with his revival services. There have been about sixty additions to the church, and the meetings are still growing in interest....The Freeman can be found at Hall's barber shop, John street, near Fifth; Thomas' barber shop, 526 West Sixth street; Glasper's barber shop, John street, near Sixth, and the agent is H. B. Brooks, 422 West Eighth street....Mr. James Custard, of 1019 Central avenue, a porter on the Queen & Crescent, who sprained his ankle on Christmas day, is able to be out again.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Dr. Davis, of Ardmore, has moved his drug store here. The stock is new and the fixtures the latest, being worth several thousand dollars. His locating here is a credit to our city. Come on, men of business; we welcome you....Edward's Cafe can be found in the basement of the old stand....For amusement and good reading visit Tabernacle Baptist Young People's Reading Club, connected with the church....Mr. Henry Jones, of the 25th U. S. soldiers, has been summoned to appear before the court of inquiry at Washington, D. C....The Freeman can be had by calling at 13 West California street... Attention is a great jewel. When Rev. Brown lectured to a large, orderly gathering on "How, When, Who to Marry, and How to Stay Married," Messrs. Halliday, Jackson, H. E. Cotton and J. Bryant had the front seat.

PAST WEEK AT CHICAGO

AS SEEN BY OUR KENTUCKY CORRESPONDENT

ILLINOIS WANTS S. LAING WILLIAMS

As Member Negro Exposition Committee—Jesse Binger Is Successful Banker and Real Estate Dealer.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18.—Special to The Freeman.—S. Lang Williams, compiler of the National Negro Business Men's League, assistant U. S. district attorney, and a leader of the civic life of the Negroes of Chicago and Cook county, is being urged to become a member of the committee to be appointed to arrange for the holding ofthe Negro Exposition in 1913.

Mr. Williams' name was first presented by the Illinois Chronicle, a paper which, for its age, has become one of the leading publications in the city and State, and gained a large circulation by its crisp and intelligent news matter and forceful editorials. It says, editorially, of Mr. Williams:

"It is doubtless safe to say that this nomination will be seconded by the most substantial Negroes of the Northwest—first of all because the man whose name is here put forward is of large intellectual proportion, whose first interest is that of his race, and whose honesty and integrity no one would dare question. His life and character is too well known for any extended dissertation upon our part; we, therefore, put the proposition up to those whose duty it would be to exercise the appointive power that Chicago and the Northwest, through the 'Chronicle,' urged the name of S. Lainge Williams as a member on the board of the semi-centennial commissioners."

Your correspondent has known Mr. Williams for several years, as an active member of the National Negro Business League, and it was no surprise to find that the people of Chicago and the press were so much in favor of his appointment to the exposition committee.

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Mrs. J. C. Snowden, 15 West Fifty-first street, entertained at breakfast last Sunday Carry B. Lewis, Wm. D. Neighbors and Editor A. N. Fields.

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Dr. Wilberforce Williams delivered an address last Sunday to the Standard Literary Club at Bethesda Baptist Church, Thirty-eight and Wabash. His subject was "The Demand for the Success of the Twentieth Century."

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Miss Daisy Brown, of the "Red Moon" Company, left Chicago Thursday for her home in New York City. Miss Brown has been ill and it was thought best by her physician to take a rest for the remainder of the season.

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The Appomatix Club, the swellest social club in the Southwest, elected officers recently. They are as follows: Louis B. Anderson, president; Frank L. Hamilton, vice-president; James E. Johnson, financial secretary; John Trott, recording secretary.

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The Chronicle, Defender, Conservator and Broadax are the four colored papers that are issued weekly in the city of Chicago. Editors Swan and A. N. Fields have been added to our acquaintances. We also met Will Foster, known as "Juli Jones," and Sylvester Russell, while sojourning on State street.

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Mrs. William Emanuel, founder of the Neighborhood Settlement House, 2732 Armour avenue, and who headed the great charity benefit ball at the Seventh Regiment Armory, New Year's day, is much pleased over the success of the entertainment. The secretary of the ball reports $396.10 clear for distribution.

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The Colored Men's Business Club, with Major R. R. Jackson president, Henry T. Well, treasurer; and Wm. D. Neighbors, secretary, is creating quite a good deal of interest among the business men of the city. They give a banquet once a month, on which occasion business questions are discussed and things of interest to the race are brought before each meeting.

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Hon. Ed. Green, the astute politician and Pythian, is still the State grain inspector. He is one of the most widely known men in this country. He attracted world-wide attention by introducing an anti-mob law in the Illinois legislature while he was a member of the forty-fourth general assembly. Mr. Green is highly conected in social and business circles, and a genial fellow in Pythian ranks.

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Among the hundreds of colored men that have a wide reputation, not only in Chicago, but all over the country, whose life and work are an example of push, energy and success, are the following: Col. John R. Marshall, Dr. Dan. Williams, Major R. R. Jackson, S. A. T. Atkins, Dr. Wilberforce Williams, Major John C. Buckner, Dr. M. A. Majors, Charlie Jackson, Beauguard F. Mosely, Edward Morris, W. R. Cowen, Dr. A. C. Barnes, Alex. Stephens, Dr. George Hall, L. B. Anderson, Major Frank Denison, Rev. A. J. Carey, Peter Jones and others.

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Mr. Sam J. Corker, Jr., business manager of the "Red Moon" Company, was the happy recipent of a number of compliments of managers of theaters during the past three weeks. While in Louisville Mr. Shaw, of the Avenue and Masonic Theaters, took the occasion to state to a number of white people of his intimate association that Mr. Corker was one of the best in the business. Mr.

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

Bob Armstrong, seeing the way things are drifting, wisely concluded to abandon the Jeffries camp and come over to the winning side with Johnson. He will help to train the world's champion, and will prove to be a valuable sparring partner. With Armstrong's strength and Joe Gans' cleverness, Johnson will not lack for scientific support.

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One of the ablest articles on the life and character of Dr. Booker T. Washington that has appeared in the past year was that of Welborn Victor Jenkins in the Atlanta Independent. Mr. Jenkins, though somewhat new to the general reader, has contributed several well-written brochures to the Independent and other leading Southern papers, among them a poem on Matthew Henson. He gives evidence of being a hard worker, a master of forcible expression and a clear thinker on current problems. Says Mr. Welborn of Dr. Washington: "With all my love for the many men who are reflecting credit upon the race at large, I am of the firm conviction that only one has fully qualified to lead us successfully. That one is the 'Wizard of Tuskegee.' "

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The Negro is moving forward in business relations not heretofore open to members of the race. Charles E. Mitchell, the well-known secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Colored Institute, and a grand auditor of the G. U. O. of O. F., having completed fourteen examinations successfully, has been awarded a diploma by the International Business University, which carries with it a membership in the International Accountant Society. So far as is known, Mr. Mitchell is the only colored man to attain this honor. He is also a graduate of the Boston Commercial College. The West Virginia Institute and the Odd Fellows are both fortunate in being able to command the services of such an accomplished co-worker.

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"The Problem of the Negro as a Citizen," a highly encouraging study of the social, economic and educational status of the colored people, by Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, was carried in the holiday number of the Atlanta Independent, the Florida Sentinel and a number of other strong papers of the race. It abounded in statistics showing the substantial progress of our people and was read with satisfaction by not less than 100,000 interested Americans. The article was originally printed in the Southwestern Christian Advocate, at New Orleans, La., edited by Dr. R. E. Jones. Dr. Thirkield knows the Negro problem from "A to Izzard," and a discussion of its intricate phases, in his optimistic vein, is always sure to be edifying and inspiring.

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Now that President Taft has disposed of the troublesome question, "What is whisky?" he or some other skilled ethnologist may find it in order to decide the equally momentous problem, "What is a white man?" Ben Tanner, son of a prominent merchant of Hopkinsville, Ky., purchased a ticket for a berth in a Pullman, desiring to go to Chicago. The employes, claiming that he was not a white man, but a Negro, assaulted and evicted him from the car, forcing him to ride in the day coach and sit up most of the night. In consequence of this treatment, he being already ill, he suffered a relapse and was confined to his bed for about three weeks. To recompense him for his bodily and mental woes, Tanner has filed suit against the Pullman company for damages in the sum of $1,999. Now, how are railroad employes, who are not usually expert dermatologists, to tell who is a white man and who is not?

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Congratulations are in order for the A. M. E. Zion Publishing House. This department has sold its property on South College street for $12,000, and bought a larger piece of property facing on Brevard, Second and Caldwell streeets for $11,000. The old property was 30x75 feet and had on it a three-story brick building, which was inadequate for the growing business of the department. The new property has a frontage on three streets, and the ground is 99x398 feet, and has on it ten rented houses. Steps will be taken at once to build a fine office building, specially adapted to the needs of the publishing house, and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy in the early spring. Editor G. C. Clement, Manager F. K. Bird and their aids are doing a great work for Zion in Charlotte. This is not only one of the best cities in North Carolina, but is one of the most progressive and pleasing places in the entire South.

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The "Short Flights" man was not overlooked by Santa Claus during the Christmas period. Among the many good things that came to us were a neat check for a fat Christmas turkey from the Hon. John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds; a box of neckwear from Mr. Noah D. Thompson, of Chicago; a consignment of holiday goods from Attorney Albert S. White, of Louisville, Ky.; a fine bust of Dr. Booker T. Washington and a Greek study from Mr. Isaac Hathaway, the Kentucky sculptor; a beautiful assortment of calendars, with pictures representing the higher life of the Negro, from the Douglass Calendar Company, through Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, of Louisville, Ky., who conducts a prosperous school for the training of colored girls in domestic science at Lincoln Heights, near Washington; an elegantly bound souvenir copy of "The Poems of Phyllis Wheatly," from Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., Philadelphia; an illuminated copy of "Christianity Under the Searchlight," from Bishop G. W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C.; a characteristic reverie, entitled "A Thrice-Lit Cigar," from Auditor Ralph W. Tyler; a box of "Perfectos," from Architect John A. Lankford, together with a tastefully selected batch of souvenir post cards, photos, Christmas greetings and personal expressions of good will from a host of friends, including Register W. T. Vernon, Cary B. Lewis, Dr. C. V. Roman, Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, Editor J. H. Murphy, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Mr. Sylvester Russell, Mr. J. C. Napier, Editor J. C. Gilmer, Editor P. B. Young, "Dorothy" of The Freeman, Dr. H. W. Furniss (Minister to Haiti), President W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce University, Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the management of the Hiawatha Theater, and many others. For all of these happy testimonials and substantial evidences of friendly appreciation we extend our sincere thanks, with best wishes for the continued health and prosperity of the generous donors.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, Keysar, W. Va., was in our city visiting Rev. S. Christian, Beechurst avenue; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown, Monongahela avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander, South High street, on last Monday, and stayed until Friday morning. Rev. Davis preached an excellent sermon on last Wednesday evening at the A. M. E. Church, and returned to Keysar last Friday morning....The Angelic Union had a business meeting at Jones Chapel M. E. Church, Chestnut street, on last Friday evening, making preparatory arrangements for the Union rally, which will be held in the First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 16....Miss Eva Lewis is still improving....The Monongahela Lodge, K. of P., No. 30, met in Castle Hall, Beechurst avenue, Thursday evening, January 6, and the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: J. H. Wilkinson, C. C.; Urvel Crawford, V. C.; John A. Jones, K. of R. and S.; A. H. Brown, M. of F.; John H. Lewis, prelate; Joseph Richardson, I. G.; Warden Parker, O. G.; Charles D. Edwards, M. of A....Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jones, who spent the holidays in Pittsburg, Pa., with relatives and friends, returned home a few days ago, and report a very pleasant time....Charles D. Edwards' home, which was destroyed by fire New Years morning, has been remodeled, and will be ready to move into soon. ....The Silver Leaf Club met at A. W. Wight's cafe Monday evening, January 10, when important business was transacted. ....Principal E. L. Morton, grand vice chancellor, of Fairmont, W. Va., was in our city Thursday evening, December 30, visiting the K. of P. Lodge, and gave us a fine lecture. After adjournment there was a delightful spread, which was greatly enjoyed by those present....Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson have moved to White avenue....Rev. S. Christian was in Parkersburg, W. Va., last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, attending the wedding of his sister....John Shorts, of Point Marion, Pa., was a Sunday visitor with Miss Ceresa Jenkins, West Side....Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 20, A. F. and A. M., met in the lodge room, on Beechurst avenue, Tuesday evening, January 4. The following officers were installed: W. A. Holland, W. M.; Wm. Richardson, S. W.; Norman Shanklin, J. W.; J. A. Hunt, chaplain; John H. Lewis, S. D.; C. W. Thomas, J. D.; James A. Johnson, tyler; J. N. Hunt and Wm. Avler, stewards. After the installation there was a fine spread, the menu consisting of the following: Oysters, stewed; oysters, fried; oysters, raw, with crackers, slaw, pickles and hot coffee. The spread was furnished by C. W. Thomas and J. H. Hunt....Miss Elizabeth Lewis is in the city, and will remain until her sister, Miss Eva, is entirely well....Mrs. C. H. Thomas, who has been sick for some time, is able to be around once more....C. H. Thomas, who has been sick for the last week, is getting along nicely. He will soon be out.

GALESBURG, ILL.

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Misses Lillian Palmer and Gertrude Burroughs, of Rock Island, were guests of Mrs. Griffie King last week....Misses Florence McGaw and Addie Holder are new members of the D. D. W. C. Club... Mr. Will Pollard is very ill at his home on West First street....Mrs. Rufus Phenox and Miss Estelle Bradley, of Rock Island, were guests of Mrs. Cora King....The stork made two visits to our city last week, leaving a fine big boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Smith, East Mulberry street, and a lovely little girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Estins.... Miss Clara Tarver, of Moline, Ill., who was visiting Miss Mamie Richardson last week, was a guest at our club. Her clever remarks on club work were very interesting and enjoyed by all who were present. ....Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Shoots and children were visiting relatives and friends last week....Mrs. Francis Harber entertained for her nephew, Frank Osborn, of Bloomington, last week. A pleasant time was spent by the young pople, who thoroughly enjoyed the selections rendered on the piano by Mrs. James Echols, of Chicago, who was a guest of Mrs. Harber during the evening. A delicious repast was enjoyed just before leaving....Miss Lyda Crawford, who spent the summer in Cedar Rapids, is at home with her parents for the winter....Miss Nettie Franklin has returned after a few days' visit in Bedford, Ia....Miss Estelle Carter, who is traveling with Mrs. Perkins, hair specialist, is at home for a few weeks' visit.... Mr. Louis McDonnal, of Macomb, was the guest of Mr. Louis Carter, Jr....Mrs. Louise Ward is visiting her mother, Mrs. White, of Elgin, Ill....Mrs. James Echols has returned home, after a few days' visit to her parents....The stag banquet given by members of the Bruce Club in the dining room of Mr. Tip Hamblin's restaurant was a complete success in every way. The toastmaster of the evening was Mr. George Brown, and responses were made by Mr. Dee Berry, Burns, Hamblin and others. A delicious five-course supper was served at a late hour. Satisfied they had enjoyed a most delightful evening, they departed for their homes....Miss Nettie Franklin entertained the D. D. W. C. Club last week. Next meeting will be with our president, Mrs. Addie Garnett, 1089 Grand avenue. ....Thimble Circle met with Mrs. Mamie Fletcher on West First street last Friday afternoon.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

West Baden Springs is very dull; very few at the hotels. Everything is covered with snow, making it somewhat inconvenient for guests to take their walks, as is characteristic with water drinkers at the Springs....There has been some decrease in bathmen, bellboys and waiters, owing to the usual dullness of the holidays.... Many spent the holidays in Louisville, Chicago and Russellville. Among those who were in Louisville were Mrs. Potter, Wing, Richerson, Beacham and Miss Berdett, Mr. Blackwell, Beacham, Smith, Washington, Lawson, Potters and Burnett. Mr. Baily and Rogers were of the Chicago visitors, and Mr. James Bell, of Russellville, and Miss Martha Stokes were also among the Chicago visitors....Mr. Will Lane, of French Lick, can be well said to be one of the most royal visitors to Louisville, having carried Miss Ethel Reese as his singer, "Sparrow" as his piano player, and Mr. Will Perry as his orderly or valet....Mr. Irvin Smith, the late proprietor of the Empire, is doing a fine business, and promises all the boys a square deal....Mr. Washington's pool room was closed a few days last week on account of some "knockers." It is not harm to knok when you see fit, but the writer would like to say it is harmful when you carry it without your race. Learn the old saying, "Let every tub stand on its own bottom."..Mr. George Williams ("Hooks") has been on the sick list for the past week, but is convalescent....Rev. Sims, pastor of French Lick Methodist Church, is carrying on a revival, and would like to have the help of all Christians of West Baden, and also the presence of those who are not Christians....Rev. Mason, pastor of West Baden Baptist Church, was very much pleased to see so many strange faces out New Year's night, and is in hopes that they will call again before the bells shall toll again....The West Baden Sunday-school elected the officers as last year. They were in hopes of a change, but there are not enough active members to make any changes.

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A. G. Jones and P. A. Venable are now playing in the Goldfield Orchestra at the Goldfield Hotel, Joes Gans, proprietor. Regards to all in and out of the profession. ....Harry McCubbins, after a couple of weeks in bed with the grip, is able to be at work on THE FREEMAN *again*.

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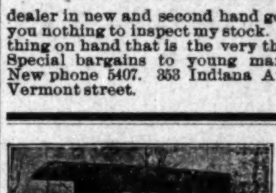

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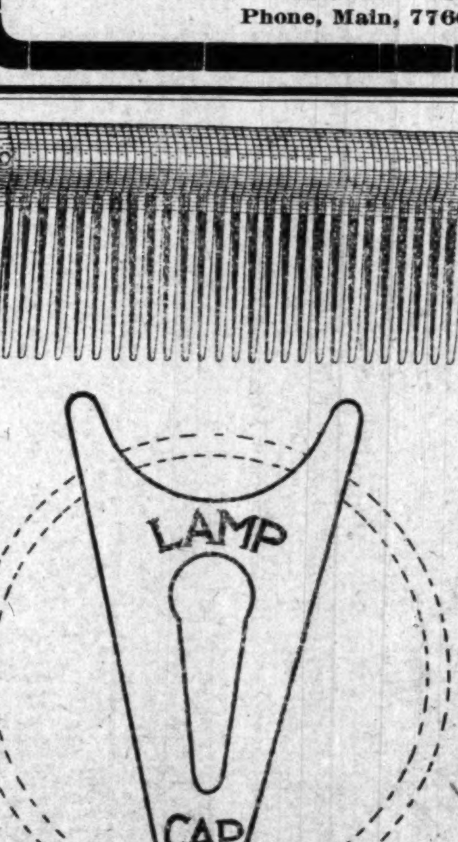

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Negro Homes in Louisville

BY CARY B. LEWIS.

Nothing stands out more prominently in the city life of Louisville Negroes than the many comfortable and well-kept homes owned by men and women of the race. These simple structures of wood, stone and mortar are objects that represent the real progress made during the past fifteen years, and the character and quality of the homes indicate the mental and moral condition of a large number of the 50,000.

Louisville has no massive structures owned by colored people, none of the four or five-story granite buildings, but there are hundreds of two and three stories and hundreds upon hundreds of cottages. It is of little concern as to who owned the first house, but there were individual characters that purchased neat and attractive cottages immediately after the war.

The importance of acquiring property and building homes has been enunciated for the past nine years with a great deal of force, both by press and pulpit. It will be remembered that it was Booker T. Washington who, upon the occasion of his first visit here, told the Negroes to buy property and put money in the bank. This lesson sank deep in their hearts, and they began to buy and build. In 1902 Dr. Washington addressed 5,000 Negroes, and in his speech emphasized among other things own homes. To-day 1,000 Negroes are lords of their own homes.

CARY B. LEWIS.
General Newspaper Correspondent.

Many of these homes we have entered and found them to be attractive and nicely furnished. Upon the walls hang pictures of the great men and women of the race and their friends of the white race. Nearly all the business and professional men and women of the race in this city not only own their own homes, but have others for rental purposes.

The most encouraging feature is the number of thrifty men of the laboring class, who are decent and respectable, buying and living in their own property. Some have joined loan companies and others have borrowed from their white and colored friends, but the fact remains that they own.

It is impossible to describe or give a detailed account of the homes that we have visited, nor have we space allotted for this purpose. It is not, however, out of place to give mention to some of the persons and their homes that are a credit to the city and the race. Said one: "A house is like a face; it is not difficult to perceive and feel its subtle influences that find expression there, but it is hard to describe them."

One of the most beautiful homes in the city is that of the Misses Lucy, Helen and Eva Duvalle, located on West Chestnut street. It is a two-story brick of moder nstructure, stone trimmings, and always kept newly painted. The interior is charming and beautiful. The double parlors, dining and reception rooms are handsomely furnished in old mahogany style. Every room in the house is attractive. The entire home is cheerful and comfortable.

The Duvalles are teachers in the public schools, and are well educated women, cultured and refined. It was through the teachings of their mother, who lives with them, that they have acquired such a lovely home.

Mr. Steve Bell, 2317 Magazine street, owns a handsome two-story home and a pretty cottage next door. It is located on a most popular street, and the house has all the modern conveniences, and is elegantly furnished. The parlor and sitting room are tastefully furnished and comfortable and homelike in every respect. Mrs. Nora Bell is a charming housekeeper, and is one of the most popular women in the city. Mr. Bell was formerly a teacher in the Louisville public schools and is now a government revenue gauger. He is Grand Secretary of the United Brothers of Friendship of the State, and prominent in other fraternal circles. Mrs. Bell was Miss Nora Kincaid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kincaid, Jr., of 1517 South Olive street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Possibly the most modernly built home is that of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, 1738 Frankfort avenue. His rise as a physician has been rapid and his success phenomenal. He soon proved to be a physician and surgeon of the highest type, and patronage came to him liberally. He built a home jus to the liking o. himself and wife, and it stands as a monument to his thrift, energy and intelligence. It is neatly and beautifully furnished, and have every modern convenience. One pretty feature is the beautiful lawn in the summer time.

Mr. James F. Gray, for years a teacher in Russellville, but a citizen of Louisville, came to locate after passing an examination for United States internal revenue gauger. He purchased a home on Sixteenth street, between Walnut and Madison streets. It is a two-story structure and well built. The furnishings on the interior are neat and cozy, and the whole house has an air of comfort and style. Mr. Gray is secretary of the local Negro Business League, and was quite active in assisting in entertaining the National League which met here in August. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are both active church workers.

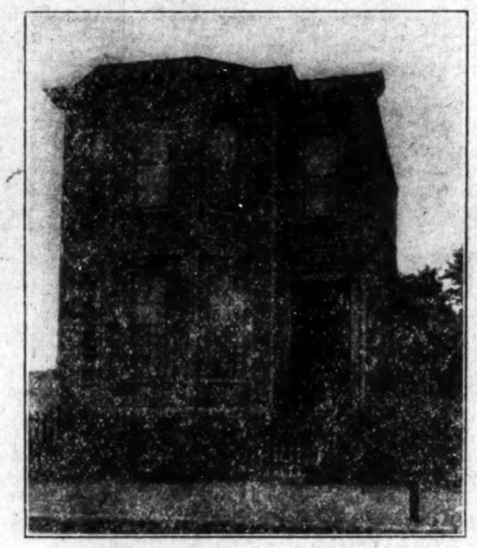
It is said that the most brilliant and richly furnished home in the city is that of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Brook and Breckenridge streets. The beauty of this home is its interior. The pictures, draperies and ornaments are handsome. Mr. Walker is one of the most widely known men in the country, having trained some of the fastest race horses that have run in the Kentucky Derby.

Dr. C. H. Parrish, pastor of the Calvery Baptist Church and president of the Eckstein Norton Institute, Cane Springs, Ky., owns a model two-and-a-half story brick house on Sixth avenue. It is surrounded by a beautiful lawn in the summer. While the house is nicely furnished, Dr. Parrish takes pride in the number of antiquities and relics gathered from Bethlehem, Rome and the River Jordan.

Editor W. H. Steward, of Eighth avenue, has a two-story brick structure. It is located in the heart of the city. It is a model home of comfort. Conspicuous in this home are the many paintings that have been drawn by his daughter, Mrs. Nettie Steward Black, all of which are individual and collective groups of the family.

Mr. Henry Calbert, Kentucky street, near Sixth avenue, owns one of the pretties two-story brick structures in the city. It is a pressed brick front with stone trimmings. The double parlors are neatly furnished, and the home has all modern comforts. Mr. Calbert belongs to that class of sturdy citizens who believe in owning property, and, much to his credit, he has a good deal of it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooper, 1005 West Chesnut street, are owners of several pieces of valuable property. They live in a neatly painted two-story brick, and Mrs. Cooper has made it a specialty to have her home artistically furnished. Statuary and beautiful drapery mark a distinct beauty of this comfortable home. The front parlor has a hardwood floor with Oriental rugs. The second parlor is charmingly fiteed up with swell furniture, while the dining room has in it a fine mahogany center table, sideboard and pictures. Mr. Cooper has been in this city several years and is manager of the Watson unedrtaking establishment, the oldest in the city.



RESIDENCE OF J. F. GRAY,
Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole formerly lived in their own home on West Chestnut street, but they are now living in a flat on Eighth avenue, awaiting the completion of their $30,000 flat which is being erected at the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets. This handsome structure will be known as the "Harriet." It will be by far the most pretentious building of its kind in the State.

James R. Harris, Sr., is one of the older members of the race that has been owning property for many years. Mr. Harris has always lived in a comfortable and stylish home. He is one of the oldest clerks in the postoffice, and a very intelligent and progressive citizen.

While Mr. W. H. Spradling owns a beautiful home at Jackson and Roselane streets that is the pride of the east end, he is the largest property owner in the city. It is authoritatively stated that he owns thirty-five houses in various parts of the east end. He is his own rental agent, and makes a business of looking after his property. He is regarded as one of the most level-headed men in the city, and stands well with real estate men.

Prof. D. L. Lawson, a graduate of the Fisk and Harvard Universities, and principal of the Central High School, owns two fine two-story buildings at Fifteenth and Chestnut streets. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caldwell have recently purchased a fine brick building on West Chestnut street; also Mr. and Mrs. Wash Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Minnis are recent purchasers on Chestnut street. In fact, Chestnut street has become very popular with new property owners. From Tenth street down to Twentieth street Negroes are buying large three-story homes and are furnishing them in the iatest style.

Prof. S. O. Johnson owns a two-story house on Magazine street and two cottages on West Magazine street.

Louisville is a city of cottages. Perhaps nowhere in the South is there a city with as many beautiful cottages with lawns. This is particularly noticeable among enterprising colored people.

One of the most unique and well-situated cottages is that of Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, 1504 West Walnut street. Dr. Lattimore is still a young man, and came here from North Carolina as a graduate of Meharry Medical University. He has been singulariy favored in his success as a physician and surgeon. He is often called tne "Doctor of the Town." At any rate he has the practice of many of the best families in the city. Dr. Lattimore had his home built especially for his convenience. The interior is perfectly charming. The drapery in the parlors, dining room and "den" is very pretty, while the furnishings are mahogany. The home is cozy and comfortable throughout.

Prof. W. P. Annis, a teacher at the Central High School, has gone the colored people one better by building a bungalow. It might be trmed a "little dream." The furnishings are artistic and the paintings exquisite. They are from the brush of Miss Lucille Annis, a graduate of the Chicago Art School. Mr. Annis is the boys' friend, having been a teacher for over thirty years. He is State Secretary of the Masons. He is planning to write a history of the colored public schools.

RESIDENCE OF STEPHEN BELL.
2317 Magazine Street, Louisville, Ky.

William Johnson, a letter carrier, owns a neat cottage on West Magazine street. It is a well-appointed home, and is made happy by the presence of Master William, who has his day nursery in which to ride his hobby horse.

Mr. Johnson is Treasurer of the Kentucky State Grand Lodge, and has holdings in an undertaking establishment.

The cottage of Dr. H. B. Beck, Madison street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, is another splendid example of thrift and business success. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gasaway White is distinguished by its beautiful lawn and concrete walks. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan own a pleasant home on West Walnut street. Messrs. James H. Black, Tom Young, T. W. Bradford, Raymond Fowler, Floron Dillon, S. O. Johnson, Dave Barnett, Thomas Tate, John A. Wheatly, Edgar Jordan, Charles B. Preston are among some of the young men who own cottages in the popular part of the city.

RESIDENCE OF DR. J. A. C. LATTIMORE,
Louisville, Ky.

Keeping pace with the progress of the age, Negroes have begun flat building. The Rev. E. G. Harris purchased a three-story building at West and Chestnut streets and converted it into a flat. He found it so remunerative that he built two new flats. W. C. F. Mason, a leading business man of the city, has just erected a flat on West Walnut street, near Tenth. A number of modern flats are expected to be erected in the spring.

Among some of the many people who own very attractive and comfortable homes are the following: Dr. E. E. Whedbee, W. H. Bullett, Milton Yates, Thomas West, Miss Nellie Frye, Mrs. J. M. Maxxwell, R. O. Johnson, Mrs. George Murphy, Edward Walker, Rev. John H. Frank, Rev. L. G. Jordan, George Mayfield, Prof. W. H. Perry, T. F. Blue, Skidmore Bloomer, Mrs. C. F. Sneed, James Hathaway, E. C. Malone, Prof. Ed Jackson, Miss Lillian Jackson, Albert S. White, Prof. J. E. Simpson, Misses Lucy and Lula Flint, Dr. Sarah Fitzbutler, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Adderson Evans, Alex. Morris, R. I. Smith, Cary B. Lewis, George Nugent, Rev. W. H. Craighead, Benj. Winlock, Dr. Robert Oliver, Dr. E. S. Porter, Matt Willis, Miss Charlotte Bryant, Miss Katie Masterson, Timothy Masterson, Clayborne Jones, Mrs. Tom Evans, N. R. Harper, Isham Taylor, W. H. Brown, W. L. Sanders, William Lewis, Rev. L. H. Brown, A. B. McAfee, T. H. Parks, Neros Jennings, Allen Wilson, T. H. Hankins, Miss Marietta Pickens, T. G. Ramsey, James Tate, Sr., Rev. E. P. Marrs, Miss Frances Owens, Thomas Bradford, Robert Mitchel, John Tyler, Mrs. W. T. Peyton, John Samuels, Dr. W. H. Picket, Dr. A. C. McIntyre, Ed Hansberry, C. H. Duncan, Benj. Shipley, E. W. Marshall, Madison Minnis, Mrs. Wilhelmina Morris, Nolan King, John Steele, Mr. and Mrs. John Compton, Miss Anna Bowman, Misses Belle and Emma Alexander, Dr. F. G. Fowler, Dave Steward, C. B. Clay, W. M. Richardson, W. H. Parker, John Dortch, Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, Prof. S. B. Taylor, Mrs. N. Payne, Miss Ophelia Watson, William Andrews, S. E. Strickland, Preston Bell, Toney Jackson, Mrs. Emma Robinson, Marshall Tayloe, Green Logan, Bowman Adams and Tolbert Jordan.

This is the element that the white people seldom get to see or come in contact with, only in a casual way. They usually see only that shiftless and boisterous element that are a millstone around the necks of the intelligent and progressive people who are advancing mentally and morally.

The better element is seldom given a hearing in the big magazines and daily press, or mentioned by orators and speakers, save only in a derogatory manner.

I have not had the opportunity to find out all the colored people who own beautiful homes in the city, many of which are as handsome or valuable as any that have been mentioned; but these I have observed in course of my duties, and have viewed them both in their interiors and exteriors.

The best evidence of the Negro's desire to advance with the great pace of civilization is his anxiety to get away from his ante-bellum habitat of one room. This tendency on the part of the Negro to "make a happy fireside clime" has met the approval and co-operation of the better class of white people, who are deeply sensible of the fact that the metter the sanitary condition of the Negro, the healthier the environment of the white man.

The Negro of Louisville has adopted the open-handed hospitality of his white brother, and his home is his heaven; there all his social functions are held, and there cling and cluster all his delightful memories.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. W. H. Vincent made a flying visit to Canada the past week....James Armstrong's condition is slightly improved, yet it will be several weeks before he will be able to resume work....Mr. Albert Bearfield and Mrs. N. Hicklin announced their marriage, which took place at Windsor, Ont., January 1. Rev. Jackson officiated.....The ladies of the Sewing Circle entertained their husbands and sweethearts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bearfield, on East Tenth street, Wednesday evening, from 8 to 10....W. H. Graves is on the sick list....The second quarterly meeting will take place at the A. M. E. Church, January 23. Presiding Elder C. E. Allen and wife, of Detroit, will be present. Rev. T. W. Beck is pastor....Mr. A. Kelley returned home last Saturday from North Carolina, where he has been visiting relatives and friends for a few weeks.

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Happiness is based on reality. It must be earned before we can come into its possession.—David Starr Jordan.

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life, and live it as bravely and cheerfully and faithfully as we can.—Van Dyke.

To be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, is to know the glory of life.—Hugh Black.

Man is free in proportion to his power of moral choice. The fixed star, not the blazing comet or the flashing meteor, is the symbol of the truest freedom.—Celia Parker Woolley.

Only to find our duty certainly, and somewhere, somehow, to do it faithfully, makes us good, strong, happy, and useful men, and tunes our lives into some feeble echo of the life of God.—Phillips Brooks.

Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., and Mr. W. D. Johnson, of Georgetown, Ky., are in Washington City looking after important matters. Both of them are good Republicans and deserve recognition at the hands of the administration.—American Baptist.

Up to date we don't hear of any plums falling in the Negro's lap from the municipal plum tree, but we understand the reason why—the new mayor is too busily engaged cleaning up Indiana avenue and putting the saloons to sleep on Sundays. Brethren, be patient! Remember the election is over.

Shall we have a Negro representative in the approaching legislature? Is this not high time for the Negro to not only be thinking but acting in his own behalf, politically? Ought he not be weary of ungrateful white men riding into office on his back? What's all this tablk about Senator Beveridge, what has he ever done for the Negro? A little history of his deeds and actions for and in behalf of his Negro contingents would be exceedingly interesting. Some one please give it to us.

Why is it we never hear of assistant ppastors in Negro churches? It is not because some Negro pastors do not have as large congregations as some white pastors who are aided by assistant pastors. It is not because such would not be useful to both pastor and people. Why, then, is it that Negro pastors never employ assistant pastors?—the Baptist Vanguard.

Here is the reason reduced down to the last analysis Ignorance, narrowness, bigoty, jealously and down-right selfishness, coupled with supreme love for the personal pronoun "I."—Ed.

The address of Prof. James Williams, principal of the Rushville, Ind., public school, delivered at Jones' Tabernacle, A. M. E. Zion Church, and to it and a large audience was a gem in literary "pictures of silver and apples of gold." It was, indeed, and in truth, an educational treat. Prof. Williams will always find a cordial welcome awaiting him in Indianapolis. It occurs to us that it is opportune to see about inducing the professor to cast his lot with us in the capital city, as we need just such a man at the head of our educational work. He would be a valuable accession, a hard student and easy reader of men and books, and well versed in the philosophy of the day. He would, no doubt, be a great loss to Rushville, but that would mean a great gain to Indianapolis.

DEGREE MAD.

Our ministry are "degree mad," the little and big ministers are clamoring for titles, and there seems to be a frenzy for titles. The title of D. D. and LL. D. has become so common that now, when we see it affixed to Rev. So-and-So, it creates more of a suspicion than to arouse admiration, and is suggestive more of "cheapness and sham" than anything else. This ought not so to be, for very few Negro divines of today are deserving of such honorary titles. Clergy like the late William J. Simmons, Bishop Daniel Payne, Alexandria Crummell, Henry Highland Garnett and J. C. Price wore the honors with dignity and ability, and we were proud of them, but today any minister, licensed or ordained, can purchase the title for a song from some cheap institution, who have, by a hook or a crook, acquired the legal right to sell the article, and, most generally, the least informed and equally the least deserving purchase and wear the spurious title. We call on all our honest ministers throughout the country to cry down this sought of thing, and, with us, endeavor to stimulate a desire on the part of the ministry to "study to show thyself approved of God." There should be more of a striving to be good and useful, instead of to shine in a false light as "sham greatness and sham bigness." There's nothing in that.

Negro clergy, don't deceive yourselves!

BALLINGER AND PINCHOT.

Public opinion, as expressed in the leading newspapers and magazines of the country, seem to hold up the Pinchot end of the unfortunate affair down at Washington causing the rupture between the President and Mr. Pinchot, the latter being summarily dismissed from the public service as chief forester because of insubordination to his superior officer, the President. We are not prepared to pass on the merits or demerits of the case, neither are we going to say what our opinion is regarding the justice of the discharge of Mr. Pinchot, we only submit that, so far as the facts related to the case as published in the Washington daily dispatches, we simply conclude, that say what you will or may, that it is an unfortunate affair, and will be regarded by all disinterested persons as being one of the great political blunders of the Taft administration. We are free to admit that so far as we have been able to read the signs political, we think we see an indication of a change of base by the President from "Roosevelt's Policies" to "My Poliices," as Mr. Pinchot is one of Roosevelt's steadfast friends and supporters. The act puts the administration "in bad" because the justice of Mr. Pinchot's cause is recognized at once by the people at large as being the cause of the people, espoused by Mr. Pinchot as against monopolies and private interests. Therefore the people are with Mr. Pinchot, and his dismissal from the service of the people by the President for the reasons stated is not satisfactory to the people. We understand that there are serious charges against Mr. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, to be investigated by a congressional committee; that the committee has been appointed by the House, and consists of two men (Democrats) obnoxious to the President, and that there is much ado over the selection of Messrs. Rainey and James. Perhaps now the President will see the "rub" he gave the Negroes in the obnoxious appointment of the Democrat, Mr. Lurton, to the Supreme Court bench. "Sowing to the wind, usually reap the whirlwind." Give us a true old-fashioned Republican administration, and not a "My Policies" administration, and a change for the better will take place.

We sometimes wonder why such a small portion of the intelligent and well educated part of the human race take such little interest in the enlightened application of the princpiles of liberty, justice, equality, fraternity, and the like to the human race in general, and to the Negro race in particular. There is a tremendous work to be done for the amelioration of the social and domestic evils surrounding us in cities and towns north, whither our people are coming in their flight from the land of sorrow, and from under the law of repression and oppression at once obnoxious and unendurable. This is a summons to duty to our professional men and women. Will they answer?

CHIMPANZEE VS. NEGRO.

Elsewhere we republish Betty Blythe's account of a dinner to Consul, a so-called wealthy, educated chimpanzee, as published in the daily Star Wednesday, January 5. His royal brestship's arrival in the city was acclaimed in thunderous tones, and proved to be what it was meant to be, an advertising card for a local theater, and was indeed a spectacular affair. Nothing to us seemed more absurd and ridiculous than the idea of accepted social equality with a monkey by our so-called superiors, who fiercely draw the colo rline on decent, respectable colored people in their hotels and restaudants, but who, on the other hand, thought themselves honored to sit down with a quadruped, bereft of a soul, and intelligence, except that of an automatic machine. Where, oh, where is the elasticity of the white people's consciences and the equilibrium of their minds? Echo asks us where. The farce color line business ought now be relegated to the rear and cast into utter oblivion, when a monkey can have social privileges, on perfect equality, there should be no more precluding the Negro citizen on account of color or anything else. The evening News found his royal beastship in high glee after partaking of the Claypool's bar cocktail, and called the attention of its many readers to it under the following headlines:

CONSUL CUTS UP SOME REAL MONKEYSHINES

He Causes Commotion at the Colonial Theater.

Dines at Claypool Cafe.

Of course, if white citizens enjoy this kind of thing and derive any special benefit by entertainment from such a "distinguished source," so far as The Freeman is concerned, they are welcome to the fun, but, for heaven's sake, white man, ever hereafter be consistent on your color line question.

THE GUARDIAN VS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

We are all interested in men of power. The strong man, the man who has the ability to help, defend or save others, and uses it, is sure not only to attract our admiration, but to secure for himself the place of leader. Other men become his followers. The world wants men of power, for it is in sore need. The Negro race in America wants men of power, for it is in sore need, and it rejoices that among its powerful men there is one towering like the oak tree above the willow, one in whom confidence is not misplaced, a character sublime, because full of good works for the blessed Master, the race and the world at large. That man is none other than Dr. Booker T. Washington, a man with a great mind and noble purpose. The world at large acclaims this. In the rank and file of the Negro race he is duly recognized as the greatest constructive leader the race has ever produced, and we are proud of him. We admire him for what he is, and propose to stand by him and to follow his leadership as long as he is in right, and if ever we should see cause to differ with him, it shall be a respectful difference, respectfully and decently put. In saying this we are not actuated by any sinister motive. We have no ax to grind; we fear no foe, or, in other more applicable words, "We have no enemies to punish or friends to reward." Dr. Washington needs no defense from us; he is fully able to take care of himself; he does not seek any from us; he can get along without it, but we see a duty devolving upon us as a race journal of character and standing, and we are determined not to be recreant to duty. It is our business to serve the race unflinchingly and impartially, and to always be alert for the public's welfare, as in no other way could we prove ourselves fit to look after the interest of the race. We must help the race to remove the "rubbish" that obstructs its way. This is our duty, and, God helping us, we mean to do our duty, let the chips fly where they may or will. As is generally known, almost in every issue of the Guardian we see something of a scurrilous and virulent character published against Mr. Washington, usually couched in the vilest language and in most cases wholly malicious, contemptible slanders, destitute of excuse, atrocious in the injury intended, and which reflect not only on the journal that publish them, but in a measure on the Negro journals of the land, as we are all judged by the one standard, when speaking of Negro journals. It is very much like when the great daily journals speak of the bad doings of the "race." They seldom ever single out the bad Negro man or woman, but usually bunch us all together, and hence by that standard we are judged. Now, look at this headline from the Guardian, of recent date:

SOLDIER OF THE 10TH CAVALRY ON BOOKER WASHINGTON

Declares Colored Soldiers Come from South and Have No Hook-Worm Disease—Is Booker Infected—Write Disease — Is Booker Infected—Writes of Stay in South Theory—Defends Our Soldiers.

"Booker the Blasphemer"—Read What the Colored Soldier Says.

This is brutal and culpable, and we d not hesitate to denounce it as disreputable journalism and of a kind of which none of us can feel proud. If the editor of the Boston Guardian don't like Mr. Washington or his methods, or his speeches, or his work, or any movement of Mr. Washington, that is his business and his privilege, but out of respect for the decent journals with whom he is in exchange and association, and out of respect for his constituency and the good he may do, he should refuse to put into type such billingsgate representing the state of such a diseased mind of animus and spleen against a man far his superior in matters material to the race. The editor of the Guardian is, as we are told, a graduate of Harvard. Why should he disgrace his school? Good manners and respectful language will carry him where money will not. We stand for decent and respectful journalism, and we know that in the long run that means very much more to us as a race of journalists than to produce the kind issued weekly from the "Hub," called sometimes the city of culture. We rejoice to see that for the most part almost all the race papers that come to our office in exchange with us stand for decent, clean, respectful journalism, and this is very gratifying to us. We are asking them to join us in this respectful call to our misguided brother journalist of Boston, the city of culture, to come to order, and cease his bitter tirade against our leader, or else prepare himself to be put in a class all to himself and dubbed, as he would be justly dubbed should he refuse to heed us, as the "Yellowist of Negro Journals." Some such action as this is imperative, if we who are striving for better things and better appreciation among our constituency expect to gain their "well done, good and faithful" acclaim. In taking exception to anything concerning Dr. Washington the Guardian editor should do so in a manner and style becoming to his training and education, and thus reflect credit to himself and luster for the great school that sent him forth to the field of labor. As matters and things now stand, we cannot get away from it. An attack upon Dr. Washington, to those of us who look upon him as our leader, is an attack upon us, and we all should so regard it. Read this, another headline from the Guardian:

PUTS HOOKWORM ON COLORED SOUTH

White Member of American Science Association Tells Boston White Public Colored Give This Dread Disease to Whites.

Openly Declares in Boston that Colored Race Should Not Live in Same Country as Whites—Booker Washington Gave First Impetus to Deadly Doctrine Last October—Yet Some Colored Talk of Inviting His "Business" League to Boston.

We know that the above assertion is a wanton, malicious and utterly contemptible slander, a misinterpretation and a misapplication of Dr. Washington's hygenic remarks, deliberately invented to cater to the curiosity of an unthinking, gullible public, and to place it on unfriendly terms with Mr. Washington. We repudiate it and say frankly to our contemporary that we utterly detest this practice of his. It is indecent, unintelligent and diabolical, and we call upon him to stop it, or else he will be marked down by us as one of the most unscrupulous men of the race in this country and his paper, the Guardian, one of the most disreputable and yellowish extant.

He should remember that, as some one has said,

"There is enough good in the worst
of us,
And enough of evil in the best of us,
That it doesn'e behoove the best of us
To talk about any of the rest of us."

and again, that,

"Right is right, since God is right,
And right the day must win.
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

That is where we stand.

OUR DUTY!

Editor Harry C. Smith, of the Gazette, Cleveland, Ohio, in a recent issue of his paper, boasts that he did not vote for either Taft or Bryan; he is congratulating. Well, who did he vote for? Perhaps for Debs.—Indianapolis Freeman.

We voted for the Prohibition candidate, because he saved the life of an innocent Afro-American who was fleeing from a mob of "white" brutes while the candidate referred to was addressing a public meeting in that town. That man dared the mob to come upon the stand to get the Afro-American who had sought and found refuge there. We had intended to vote for Debs (since we could not "stomach" the prejudiced South's allies, Bryan and Taft), until the incident occurred referred to above. Then, we urged all the manly self and race-respecting voters of the races to show appreciation of an act too seldom repeated, and vote for the Prohibition candidate for president of the United States.

Haven't we a right, and good cause to "boast" that we "did not vote for either Taft or Bryan," both of whom have openly showed more respect and regard for foul-mouthed Ben Tillman and Southern Democracy, than for the vital interests of our entire race? We think so, and believe the editor of our esteemed contemporary, The Freeman, agrees with us, too.

His editorial, republished elsewhere in the Gazette today under the head, "Politically, What of the Night," is excellent and has the right ring. Keep it up, confrere, until after the next presidential election, and our "agitation," which will really be education, will do much "to solve the problem" that editorial makes clear. We have been "at it" for years, and take some credit to ourselves for the very excellent showing Ohio's Afro-American voters made in the fall of 1908, when fully three-fourths of them refused to vote for presidential candidate Taft. Let us keep up the campaign of education and in 1912 the great mass of our intelligent voters in the North, at least, will know their duty—what to do—and will do it like men. —The Gazette, Cleveland, Ohio.

Certainly you are right to vote according to the dictates of your conscience, and we admire your choice in the last national election. Like yourself, we bolted the Republican ticket, because and for the same identical reasons you give, and we speak frankly when we tell you now that we are not pleased with Taft's policies so far as they relate to the Negro citizen, your esteemed citizen Ralph Tyler to the contrary. Our struggle and contention now and on mus tbe a struggle and contention ofr the larger liberty for the oppressed multitude, larger and greater political opportunities for the Negro, and for "every right with all our might." No compromise. We must take a stand, an independent stand, cease voting the straight Republican ticket because of war measures. The war is over and slavery is over. We should rather vote for men and measures, especially when those men and measures have the promise to best subserve the best possible interests of the country and the Negro. We are with you, Hon. Harry C. Smith, because we have always found you clean and true, interested in that which is best for the advancement of the race. Let us work this thing out and help the brethren to be there "with the goods" on next Presidential election day. The Freeman is with you, and all who are of our way of thinking. Taxation without representation is wrong, unrepublican and undemocratic. Let us agitate!

DISCUSS RACE PROBLEM.

Subject Taken Up at Meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers.

The views of Booker T. Washington in regard to the solution of the race problem were discussed Monday at the meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association at the Second Presbyterian Church by the Rev. D. F. White, pastor of the Colored United Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. Mr. White also made reference to the views of certain other colored men who believe that the Negroes should devote some time to gaining the opportunities to which they are entitled, rather than spend so much time taking advantage of the opportunities they now have. Those who believe in gaining new opportunities believe that time should be devoted to higher education as well as to industrial training. Mr. Washington lays more stress on industrial education. Mr. White was inclined to subscribe to the views of Mr. Washington, although he did not stand opposed to higher education.

The Rev. O. D. Odell, in discussing the paper, declared that the greatest problem of both the colored race and the white race at this time is industrial education.—Indianapolis Star.

Mr. Washington has never stood in opposition to "higher education." Most all of his teachers have graduated from the colleges and universities whose curriculums are of the highest. We are pleased to note this.—Editor.

PHASES OF A CURIOUS QUESTION

The everlasting racial question, as it is in the South (and Southern Illinois), is more or less a mystery to Northern people, in spite of the continued explanations. The Southerner must have separate cars for Negroes to ride in, and yet he admits and submits to a relation between the races that the Northerner would not—and so on. A New Orleans paper tells a storp which it says is characteristic. A Negro named Jim had ben paid his wages, and, taking some other things along, went into town to have a good time. He soon landed in jail. The first thing he did was to send to the white man for whom he worked. He came and said: "Well, Jim, what are you going to do about this?" "Gwine to do nuffin," replied Jim. "Youse has to do sumpin." And so it was. The white man that employed him, and who was not under the slightest obligation to him, paid his fine and took him back home. The general comment on the story was that the white man was a fool, of course, but that he would do it again and again, and all said it was "natural."

The point of the story was illustrative of the dependenec and close relation of the faces in the South—where Negroes are lynched, and not for the "unmentionable crime" merely. Yet the South taxes itself to educate the Negroes, not in great degree, it is true, but it works along that line, and in time will go further. Somewhat germane to this we find the following editorial in the Atlanta Journal with a very prominent headline entitled "Booker Washington's Lecture":

"Because of the fact that he is the acknowledged leader of his race, and is working for its uplift in a sane and practical manner, the lecture to be given in Atlanta by Booker T. Washington Wednesday evening is naturally anticipated with considerable interest. This is as it should be. Booker Washington represents a movement to make the Negro useful in society, to make him thrifty, industrious and law-abiding. The subject of his lecture this evening will be on industrial education. It will, no doubt, be well worth hearing."

Georgia is the State in which eleven Negroes were lynched last year, and which was scarified by the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch for its barbarism in this regard. Yet here we find such an approval as this in a prominent newspaper. It might be very well for us if we took these various things home and tempered the disposition to which we are all prone to sit in judgment on others. The racial question is undoubtedly still to be settled, but it is not so difficult perhaps as those that feel it imagine.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, for example, to which we have referred, wanted to know what there was different in Georgia from Virginia that made the former State lynch eleven in a year, and the latter none at all. It went on to show that conditions were almost if not quite identical, and concluded that the sole reason was that murder by mob was encouraged by the popular sentiment of the one State and frowned on by that of the other.

In this there is food for thought. We believe Southern States generally dwell too much on the "race question" (calling it a problem for one thing is bad). But we are chary of giving advice, and can only wish for all concerned a working arrangement that will be better than the present, and which surely must be when there is in the life these examples of the kind that we have cited.—The Indianapolis News, Saturday, January 15, 1910.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Bishop I. B. Scott, of the M. E. Church, will sail for Africa January 22. At that time Bishop A. Walters, D. D., of the A. M. E. Zion Church, will go to Africa to visit the missions of his church. These two able Negro bishops have a message for Africa. This will be Bishop Waters' first visit to Africa, but Bishop Scott has been in Africa six years. He has done a great work for the redemption of Africa. He came last fall to be present at the African Diamond Jubilee.—Christian Index.

AN ORIGINAL NEGRO INSTITUTION.

We are pleased to note the continued growth in numbers, influence and material benefit to the race of the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers. It is an original Negro institution which has withstood the onslaught of gainsayers and prejudice minded persons both in church and state. It has a membership of nearly 100,000, and employs a large number of our young men and women as clerks, stenographers deuptics and head workers. The home office is at Richmond, Va.—Informer, Detroit.

CHRISTMAS EDITIONS.

The usual holiday editions of several of our exchanges were up to the standard this year. Among those worthy of our attention were The New York Age, The Indianapolis Freeman, The Detroit Leader and The Broadax. These editions ewre profusely illustrated with halftones and contained a deal of good news and rich editorial matter.—Forum, Springfield, Ill.

A CONDITION.

Cairo, Ill., January 14.—The common talk of Cairo today is that Frank E. Davis for Representative is common street talk everywhere in public and private and all Negroes and whites who are friends of the Governor are marked, and it is said they are advised to leave the city. To think of the nerve of such a fellow and his fellow citizens, who, in the faec of the law of the State of Illinois, would run this, their (M E W) for an office in defiance of the majesty of the law.

It is now up to the present Legislature, as well as the Governor, to see that a law is passed to keep such men as Davis out of the highest place his county can give him. If he cannot uphold the law now, can he pretend to make it? Let Governor Deneen use the big stick.—Defender, Chicago, Ill.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. M. Sneed, of this city, left last week for Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in response to a call made by a leading attorney of that city on financial matters. It appears as that Mr. Snead's boys, who have claims there, are in the center of the largest gas wells in that State, and several capitalists have made Mr. Snead a goodly offer for the lease of his land....Prayer meeting was held on the 12th at Mr. Gordon's residence on Eighth street, and at Rev. Taylor's on the 16th....Mr. Wilson, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was in the city last week on business, negotiating several deals with the Cecil Hotel Company, of this city, who are to build a $100,000 addition to their popular hostelry this spring. Mr. Wilson has just returned from a honeymoon trip extending throughout the larger cities of the East....Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus J. Jones, of 38 Steward street, entertained in honor of W. B. Lawrence, of Winnipeg, Thursday, the 13th, at their home, which proved to be the most enjoyable event of the season. Cards and various other games, together with parlor amusements and dancing, were the features of the evening. C. J. Shoeman proved to be the wizard both in cards and checkers during the evening, while Z. W. Mitchell and Noy Pierson were both smooth manipulators of the cards (with apologies to W. B. Lawrence). Light refreshments were served, after which each individual displayed their respective talents, Mr. Massie gracefully receiving highest honors. Those present were: Mesdames Lulu Pierson, Blanche Massie, Z. W. Mitchell and Misses Beulah Mitchell and Susie Gough; Messrs. W. B. Lawrence, of Winnipeg, C. J. Shoeman, A. J. Goode, Joseph Slate, Z. W. Mitchell, Noy Pierson, John Massie, Arthur Jones and Clifford Mitchell...W. H. Wilson, of Winnipeg, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Mitchell at their residence Wednesday, the 12th....The Royal Bank of this city has purchased the property directly west of the Yale Hotel, and will build a six-story building during the coming year, this making five banks building during the ensuing year.....Noy Pierson, the popular barber, is using a unique advertising feature; that is, he has secured all the latest and most complete data on the ring careers of Jeffries and Johnson, which is attracting wide attention....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Kate Smith, of 2805 Pleasant avenue, entertained last week a number of her lady friends with a theater party. The ladies invited were Mrs. Minnie Richardson, Mrs. Nina White, Mrs. Emma Helm, Mrs. Sadie Sample, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. I. E. Gibbs and Miss Essie Smith. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed....Minneapolis is to be supplied in the near future with another colored physician, who will hail from Chicago, Ill., by the name of Dr. Red, who is expected to arrive in the city soon....Mrs. Minnie Plumber, of 2817 Columbus avenue, has vacated from the residence named and will make her new abode at 1821 Fifth avenue South....Mrs. I. E. Gibbs, of 2844 Twelfth avenue South, entertained the M. T. C. Art Club last Thursday afternoon at her home....The public installation of the colored Elks of this city wah held Tuesday evening of last week at South Side Auditorium. The dancing lasted from 9:30 p. m. until late in the morning. Every one enjoyed a very delightful time....Mrs. Ada Beasley, of 2817 Chicago avenue, who has been quite sick for several weeks from a stroke of paralysis, is able to be down stairs now and improving rapidly....The building committee of St. Thomas Mission expect to occupy their new church building on or about Sunday. The new building is located at Twenty-eighth street East and Fifth avenue South....The FREEMAN correspondent and agent in this city is James Wilson, Jr., of 2818 Chicago avenue. Mr. Wilson would like to have you send him your news items each week, and also let him secure you with a copy of THE FREEMAN weekly. In sending your items please send them to Mr. Wilson before Saturday evening of each week.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Social and Literary Club of Pelgrim Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. A. Payne last Monday night....The funeral services of R. G. Gordon, of Williston, N. D., were held at Lyle's undertaking parlors on Sunday afternoon, January 16. Mr. Gordon came to St. Paul to spend the holidays, and took sick with pneumonia....Mrs. Betty Price, of Mon-Mouth, Ill., spent Sunday in St. Paul....Last Sunday afternoon the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. was agog with enthusiasm. The rooms have been crowded for a number of Sundays at the usual vesper service. Rev. W. A. Hill, pastor of Woodland Baptist Church, delivered an encouraging talk, and Mr. Arthur Hunt- a silver-voiced tenor, rendered two selections. Mrs. Adele Loudin Reese, who has studied abroad, and Madam Crawford Minor also rendered solos. Refreshments were served by Misses Harris, Clara Combs, Ruth Lawrence and Willa Moore. ....We are sorry to say that the Busy Corner has been closed and is now under the management of a young white man. ....Mr. O. C. Hall writes back from Muskogee, Okla., that the town is alive with 8,000 busy Negroes, and that he expects to make good....Walter Whitehead, the colored pugilist, is dead. He formely lived in St. Paul, and was one of the foremost pugilists in this part of the country. He was stabbed a week ago in Duluth, Minn., by Ralph Jones....Mr. A. Worden Haynes has returned, after three months in North Dakota...."The Clansman," a play which is said to engender prejudice against our race, appeared at the Grand Opera House this week. The play was, as usual, heralded by the press notices that the Negroes of St. Paul opposed the play and tried to get it suppressed. This rumor proved to be false....Mr. and Mrs. S. Edward Hall are rejoicing over the birth of another girl....Mrs. Harry Howard has returned from California, where she has been visiting htr daughter, Mrs. Aquilla Jackson... Mr. L. J. Kerr spent one day last week in St. Paul, en route to Portland, Ore.... Rev. A. H. McDonald, the new pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, has introduced a new order of service which is quite unique. He is a very eloquent speaker, and it is hoped that he will arouse the spiritual life in Pilgrim....Last Sunday was quarterly meeting at St. James A. M. E. Church. Rev. Iavison, of Hamline University, preached the afternoon sermon....You get the St. Paul news when you get THE FREEMAN each week from Henry Crawford, the popular news agent....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chambers are both sick at their home, 123 Winnipeg avenue.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Collins announce the engagement of their daughter Mamie to Mr. Arthur Daniels, of Atlanta, Ga. The wedding will take place early in February....The Flash Light Club entertained with a stag party Wednesday evening, January 12, at the residence of Mr. Victor S. Evans, 640 South Thirteenth street, in honor of Mr. John Clark, railway mail clerk, of Danville, Ky., formerly of Louisville, who is visiting his relatives and friends. The party was arranged by Mr. James Price and Mr. V. S. Evans. The invited guests were E. Woodard, Robert Hester, Joseph Chambers, Harry Dill, Thaddeus Lusby, Charles B. Claxton, John Hayden, John P. Thomas, George Hickman and Charles Berry. After the party was served they were called to order and suggestions were offered by every one present in regard to the next entertainment, which will be strictly private. Mr. James Price made a speech to the club in behalf of Mr. Clark, which was received with applause. After all the delicacies of the season were served the oratory was indulged in, and every one left happy, thinking of the next entertainment, which will be at Mr. Robert Hester's residence, Thirteenth and Chestnut streets.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wade entertained the Elite Social Club at their home, 127 North Walnut street. Covers were laid for fourteen. Each one had a jolly good time, and didn't go home until morning. The club has added four new members. In the future they will give their first annual social at the American Hall. Music will be furnished by Miss Matt's orchestra. Invitations will be issued later, and they hope to have a grand evening.... Miss Daisy Dean Walker, of Indianapolis, lectured to St. P. Ruffin Club at the home of Mrs. Cora Ash, on Main street. Each member enjoyed the lecture and received much benefit from such a grand lecturer. We hope to have Miss Walker remain in our city. We feel that she can do us lots of good. She also lectured at the churches and to the Daisy D. Walker Club, where she was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. John Powell to evening tea....Mr. Charles Kettrell has returned to his duty, after a week of sickness....South Bend is the home nest of the Afro-American Order of Owls. They also have a subordinate lodge here.

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

The Congo King Company is still on the map and doing big business. Regards to the Thompsons, Lizzie and Thomas, and all friends.

Moore and Moore are in Galveston, Tex., the home of the great comedian, Chintz Moore, at the Ruby Theater, knocking them out as usual.

Davis & Walker, singers and dancers, appeared at the Empire at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, last week in "A Lesson in Dancing," and proved to be top-notchers.

The Merry Howards, Edward and Nettie, have joined hands with the Carters, Paul and Mamie. They have formed a stock company, seven in number—the Howards, the Carters, two pickanninnies and a piano player—and they have some good time booked. They jump from Atlanta, Ga., to Houston, Tex., where they open at the People's Theater, January 22, for a six weeks' run; then to Galveston, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Fort Worth and Dallas. Now, who would have thought it? Well, you can't guess everything all the time, and who knows but what the little company may make a big noise some day? The Carters send regards to the bunch at the Gem in Memphis. The Merry Howards say hello to Walter S. Lyons, the Ranies, Porter and Porter, the Skinners, and their old friend Charles P. Stinson, manager Star Theater, Pittsburg.

Comedian T. Spencer Finley is continuing his triumph at the Hiawatha Theater, Washington, D. C., and is delighting immense crowds nightly. He is being assisted this week by Mr. Walter Howard, whose dancing is a "taking feature. Mr. George E. Battle is at the piano again, and the Lyric Orchestra makes the welkin ring on Sunday nights. During the week the Amherst Orchestra is equal to the occasion, and gives Finley's songs a swing that causes them to be whistled all over the northwest by the festive small boy and the "chappies." Sunday Mr. Finley's new song, "The Organ and the Choir," by Roy Burtch, and published by the Indianapolis firm ofg Wulschner & Stewart, called for repeated encores. "The Burning of Rome Under Nero" has been all the rage this week. At the Maceo the Jonhson-Ketchel fight pictures have been shown, and the Dunbar is getting people to know that it is again in the field. These three houses are within a short distance of one another, but all seem to be prospering.

PASTIME THEATER, ATHENS, GA.

Everything moving along smoothly. Miss Evelyn White will open with us Monday, January 17. J. H. Williams, our stage manager, is overjoyed with his bunch of performers. Tom Young, Miss Alberta Williams, Sam Shorty and the Golddust Twins all send regards to friends. J. H. Williams would like to hear from Charles Beachum and Fred Lewis.

THE BELMONT STREET ELECTRIC THEATER.

The Belmont Street Electric Theater, at Pensacola, Fla., owned by Mr. M. Jacoby, is doing a fine business, and as Miss Carrie May Hall, our stage manageress, is putting on some very fine shows, the result is that the S. R. O. sign is much in evidence. Monday, January 18, Miss Hall will present her new play entitled "In Yama Yama Land," with special scenery and costumes, with six pretty Cheole girls, all stars, Blanch Arlington leader. Miss Hall is very proud of her girls, as they are all very clever and good dressers on and off. Look out for them. The team of the one and only original Billy Kersands and Bert F. Edwards (of New York), the celebrated tenor singer, joined us here Monday, January 10. They are the hit of the show, and you may sure that no such crowds were ever seen in this theater before, and the patrons of this house cannot express their thanks for this great treat. Everything is lovely and the ghost walks every Saturday. Nuff ced. Misses Hall and Arlington gave a dinner Sunday, January 16, in honor of Messrs. Billy Kersands and Edwards.

THE TAFT THEATER.

The house was crowded, the standing room sign being posted at 7:35. Every one wore a smile, which meant that they were well pleased. The musical comedy presented by Manager Clarke was entitled "Bingham Bill." Mr. Robert Clarke as Bingham Bill was great. "Such Lovely Eyes," sung by Miss Polly Ronbinson, was fair. Mr. Taylor sung "Meet Me, Lucinda, by the Cedar Pines," which went good. The waiter as played by Mr. Hendon was a nice bit of acting. Mr. Hendon is the best character actor seen in Louisville in a long time. "I Am Glad I Am Brown Skinned" and "She Is My Little Queen" were well received. Jimmy Wells sang "The Barbers' Ball" in his usual way, and with the assistance of the whole company was the hit of the evening. Jimmie Clarke and Ed Owsley are more than making good at the Taft. The closing skit entitled "Jones and Brown" was good, and brought out the entire strength of the company. Every member got all out of their parts, and the large crowd showed their approval by liberal applause. "Trailing Smiles," sung by Miss Taylor, received several encores. Jimmie Clarke and Jim Wells send regards to Murry Smith and Hap Rag. Clarke and Taylor send regards to Eugene Clark, Jonh Goodloe and bunch. Glover Compton sends regards to Will Able.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SIMPSON, THE LITTLE FELLOW WITH THE BIG FEET.

I just closed a successful short season with the Florida Blossoms Minstrels under canvas in Quitman, Ga., Tuesday, January 4, as monologuist and comedian, and joined hands with Larney Fisher, and will be known hereafter as the team of Simpson and Fisher, the great Pekin comedy barrel jumpers, acrobats and jugglers, singing, talking and dancing act, "Pastimes in Dixieland." We opened at the Colored Airdome, Jacksonville, Fla., Monday, January 10, for three weeks' engagement, and I must say that Managers Joel & Glickstein certainly make it pleasant for all performers playing their house. We met our old friends Kenner and Lewis here. We all opened on the same bill, and we formed a combination and called it the Jolly Four, and we are getting ours. Nuff ced!

Kenner and Lewis met one of their boyhood chums, Mr. Harrison Fontanette, here, and he certainly gave the Jully Four a royal time on Wednesday afternoon, January 12. Mr. and Mrs. Fontenette gave a banquet in our honor, and it was some banquet—plenty of wine and other drinks in abundance, and the menu that was prepared by their amiable cheftess, Miss Mattie McBride, was manners, such as roast duck, turkey, chicken, pig, shrimps, jambalaya gumbo, feeley and other dishes too numerous to mention. There was plenty of singing and dancing, and we all had a jolly good time until it was time for the Jolly Four to prepare for the theater for the night performance, closing the banquet with the orchestra playing "Auld Lang Syne," and we parted a happy bunch. Those present were: Host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Fontenette; Mesdames Vera May Oneil, Beatrice Delos, Mamie Draughn, Ernestine Swift, Bertha Strickland and Lucille Sims; Messrs. Howard Holle, J. E. Simpson, L. L. Fisher, Lew Kenner and John Lewis.

The Jolly Four send their best regards to all friends in and out of the profession. The little fellow with the big feet says hello Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe, Thomas Briggs, Walter Reid, Alice McQuiller, Al Watts, Mabel Gant, Carrie Hall and R. R. Mathews, Jr., his old partner. Why don't you write? The Jolly Four send their best regards to Manager Jacoby and bunch at Belmont Street Theater. Hold them down, Carrie.

OH! OH! DEHOMEY!

Instead of being one lovely stroll, it's a case of ten below zero, and climbing ice and snow. This weather has got the weather man's goat. Well, if we live through this continued war on weather, when the horn blows for "Bam" next fall we will all get aboard, bag and baggage, and leave the stroll to the Eskimos for one winter anyhow. The only startling news is that one of the bravest "angels" that ever strolled down this lovely stroll—well, he walked right up and opened the Lincoln. It was ten below zero, and no one could find out his name. Some said that he was out of his mind; others claim he is a distant relative of John D. Rockefeller; others are betting that he will not last until this matter gets out in the paper. Well, we will wait and see, and that won't be long. The other two houses that have stood the test of this unladylike weather, the Grand and the Monogram, enjoyed two or three nights of good business.

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The Grand the week of January 10 offered the best card in the way of a minstrels that has ever been put on in Dehomey, no matter where. From the writer's view it is the best seven-people show ever offered in Chicago. Every joke a scream and every song a house-wrecker—all under the direction of "Lord" Joe Sims. The show opened with Miss Lizzie Wallace with a ginger song that looks at first as though it would put an end to the show. Not so. After a good joke another young lady with a good voice, by the name of Miss Cristy, put things in order by rendering a very nice ballad. Then the writer was at a loss about what could follow here, when another young lady popped up. With the assistance of two end men she fairly cleaned up. It was a big doubt whether the two end men could keep up the top speed and last. Oh, yes; Mr. Dink Stewart jumped up and put things out of order again, as he can do. Mr. Stewart is a good dancer and singer. After the riot settled down, one Miss Brown took the center of the stage with a very pleasing Spanish song, and got her share of hands and encores unassisted. Then a good joke—no two-meaning joke. Then Miss Ethel Jacobs, who is the making of one of the best soubrettes if properly coached in the business, started the trouble all over again. At this juncture every one was beginning to wonder where His Royal Highness, "Lord" Joe Sims, came in. But the royal bred took his time, and put on "Do Your Duty, Doctor," and then what were they to close with after so many hot numbers? This one point demonstrated how much Mr. Sims knew about putting on a small or big minstrels. They closed the first part with "The Belle of the Barbers' Ball." Well, George Evans, of Honey Boy's Minstrels, should have heard the song—put on, that's all. On the whole, this little minstrel company would stand any of the road organizations on its head. State street has not seen its equal since the minstrel first part in "Rufus Rastus," by Ernest Hogan.

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The Monogram has undergone another change. Kline has taken the management. W. H. Smith resigned to handle Sid Perin's big act and other acts in vaudeville.

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The Bijou, formerly the Lincoln—well, the house is open. Joe Brown and Chas. Hoff opened it. The writer thinks this act will close the house; maybe it will and maybe it won't.

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One of Dehomey's stars was met on the stroll with his suit case, hat box and a lot of small bundles. He was asked by one of his friends if he was changing rooming houses for a steam-heated room. "No, no," was his reply, "I am changing this zero weather for a steam-heated climate. I am Alabama bound. I am leaving here."

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Kid Thomas, of Thomas and Payne, the popular roller skate dancers, put one over for the short-time vaudeville managers down town that one or two has made a written memorandum of. Thomas and Payne have everything in the Northwest their own way; can get more solid time out of Chicago than any other act. That makes the city their home. Mr. Thomas canceled four weeks of his last big time and came into Chicago, to the amazement of everybody—no reason given. He showed another surprise by the team's name appearing as headliner at the Grand. The down town agents came flying out to see what it all meant. Mr. Thomas replied that he laid off to dress up the act that he was playing at the Grand to give Miss Payne a chance to break in her new togs (only six sets). Well ,she made all the soubrettes take to the alley. The different agents handed him bunches of contracts. The Kid said that he would look them over. The climax came on Friday, January 14, when William Morris sent a runner out to bring Mr. Thomas to his office and handed him fourteen weeks at three big figures. Oh, my! It was found out later that Thomas and Payne will fill out the time that Johnson and Dean had booked by William Morris at the biggest money ever given a colored team out of Chicago. The Knights of Dehomey will give the popular team a grand send to Winnipeg. I guess it looks bad for Thomas and Payne! The above all came from hard work and putting their money in the act and advertising, and treating all classes of people with common courtesy.

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News of the out-of-town acts will make us take some notice. They all seem to be getting the money. Cheers and Jones are booked solid in the center of New York State houses. On top of this yours very truly Miss Oma Crosby has her big act out working all the time. Where did Oma get that nerve that made her go to the front for herself? Well, the slowest of fall guys wake up some time, and when they do, believe me, it's awful on the sinner. Go on, Oma; you have the 1910 acts. Come out of the woods and show up the goods.

C. V. B. A. AND NEW YORK NOTES.

NEW YORK.—Daniel Frazier, a member of the C. V. B. A., died January 11, aged 40. He was a member of the Cameo Kirby Quartette, with Dustin Farnum in the play "Cameo Kirby." The deceased was taken with tuberculosis while on tour. When he arrived here he was in a very feeble way, but all had hopes for his recovery, and a sudden change came, and he gradually became worse until the sad ending.

The funeral took place Friday morning, January 14, from his residence, 357 West Fifty-fourth street, Rev. F. Howard conducting the services. Interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The C. V. B. A. in a large body attended. The pallbearers were Sam Baker, Will Tucker, James Slater, Zell Bloodsaw, Thomas Cross and Julius Glenn.

Condolence of the C. V. B. A. to the sorrowing widow and family of the deceased.

Tried in the school of affliction, by the loss of every form of connection which can rive the human heart, we know well and feel what you have lost, what you have suffered, are suffering, and have yet to endure. The same trials have taught us that for ill so immeasurable time and silence are the only medicine. We will not, therefore, by useless condolence, open afresh your grief, nor, although mingling sincerely our tears with yours, will we say a word more, where words are vain, but that it is of some comfort to us all that the time is not very distant at which we are to deposit in the same cerement our sorrows and suffering bodies, and to ascend in essence to an ecstatic meeting with the ones we have loved and lost, and whom we shall still love and never lose again.

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Joe Britton has been laid up the past ten days with pneumonia. He has the heartfelt sympathy of the C. V. B. A. They all wish for his speedy recovery.

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John W. Cooper, America's representative colored ventriloquist, was the hit of the bill at the Empire Theater, Hoboken, N. J., week of January 10. Week of January 17, Bijou Theater, Orange, N. J.

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Bob Slater said to Lew Payton: "Well, old man, I see you have sworn off drinking liquor since the New Year." Well, if you don't drink liquor, now, how do you manage to keep happy? Freeze it and eat it.

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Smith and La Rose's Octoroon Company still remains the feature at Huber's Museum. The cast includes Watts and Gant, Smith and Smith, Johnson and Rector, Joe Bright, William and Ball, Miles Dewey, Minnie Robinson, Maude Robinson, Mrs. Irving Allen and Smith and La Rose.

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Brown and Navarro have returned to vaudeville. It still remains a mystery why they severed their connection with the Bert A. Williams Company. Their act at the Fulton Theater, Brooklyn, was one of the best hits of the bill, week of January 10. The Brooklyn Eagle says of Miss Navarro's dancing: "The dancing of Miss Navarro was verve and something out of the ordinary." They play week of January at the American Music Hall.

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Madam Robinson, of Philadelphia, Pa., presented the C. V. B. A. with a magnificent cut-glass punch bowl January 12. The day after the arrival of said bowl Madam Robinson called up the C. V. B. A. over long-distance 'phone and had a few pleasant moments in chatting. Then she sang over the 'phone "My Old Kentucky Home." All the members that were present gathered around the 'phone and responded with the chorus of their march song, "C. V. B. A." Every one spent an enjoyable afternoon.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Will Collins and Augustus Marshall are doing nicely....If any one knows the address of Mrs. Bessie White, of Chicago, please notify Mrs. Asby Johnson, 1105 West Federal street, Youngstown, Ohio.... Mrs. Andrew Jackson, of Girard, was called to Bellefontaine on account of the illness of her father, Levi Mason....Mrs. Lydia Craig has returned to Girard, after nine weeks' visit in the southern part of the State....Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris have moved their lodging house to 110 Wick avenue....Mrs. Rush DePoutee, of Chicago, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Etta Lacey....Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Mrs. James Mealey and Mrs. Simon Burgess are able to be around, after two weeks' illness....The members of the Oak Hill Avenue Missionary Society met at Mrs. George Phelps' Thursday afternoon, and after the routine of business papers were read by Mrs. G. M. Fagan and Mrs. Samuel Boggess. Their next meeting will be at Mrs. Anna Hudson's, February 10.... Mrs. Paul Robinson, of McKinnie, is very ill....John Peterson, of Mineral Ridge, was in the city last week....Katherine Scott is able to be around, after four weeks illness....The following officers and teachers were elected by the members of the Oak Hill Avenue Sunday-school last week at a meeting: Mrs. Samuel Boggess, superintendent; Mrs. G. M. Fagan, assistant superintendent; Mrs. F. Moore, secretary; Miss Hazel Smith, assistant secretary; Mrs. D. B. Donald, treasurer; Miss Louise Holmes, organist; Clinton Burke and Frank Barrett, librarians; teachers, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. H. Simmons, Mrs. J. M. Whitney, Mrs. D. B. Donald, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. G. M. Fagan, Mrs. Charles Smith and Rev. J. H. Smith....George Holmes is on the sick list....Miss Elvie Davis, Mrs. Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Orange Parson and Mrs. James Heath are ill....Gold Leaf Company D, U. R. K. P., met in regular meeting Saturday evening. After the routine of business the following officers were elected for the term: Willis Collins, captain; Archie Thomas, first lieutenant; E. S. Moore, second lieutenant; William B. Saunders, recorder; Parris Hall, treasurer. Their next meeting will be January 29.... Sunday was rally day at the Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Gardner Ross occupied the pulpit, and special music was rendered by the choir. The amount raised will be given in next issue....THE FREEMAN can be had at Fred James' barber shop, Chestnut street, or from William Saunders, local agent, every Saturday.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Ernest Lyon, American Minister to Liberia, who has just returned from Tuskegee Institute, where he and Bishop I. B. Scott, who has charge of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in West Africa, and Dr. Booker T. Washington had a conference regarding Liberian educational and industrial schools modeled on Tuskegee lines, will be established in Liberia. "The establishment of such a school," declared Minister Lyon, "under the guidance of Tuskegee Institute, will be of inestimable benefit to the material and industrial interests of the Liberians." Dr. Lyon, who is in this country on a furlough, is now awaiting instructions from the State Department as to the attitude of this government toward Liberia....Miss Estella Cummings, sister of City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, and Mr. Joseph C. Fennel were the principals in a fashionable church wedding last Wednesday evening. The bride was a teacher in the city schools a number of years....At the monthly meeting of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Monday, the needs of Provident Hospital were discussed a number of the ministers pledging their interest in the efforts to secure a new building for this institution, which is managed by Baltimore's colored physicians.

ERIE, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin died Friday, January 14, age one year and six months. The funeral was held at the house Monday, at 2:30, the Rev. Thoborn officiating....Mr. Thos. Pedro has left the city....Mrs. W. T. Brown, of West Third street, is confined to her home with illness....Services were held Sunday at the A. M. E. Church at the usual hours and were well attended. Next Sunday being quarterly meeting, the presiding elder will speak. All are invited to attend....The sad and unexpected news of the death of W. W. Collins was received in Erie by his widow. Mr. Collins was washed overboard by the heavy seas when the steamer Vulcan, on which he was employed, was on her course near Quan Islands, Michigan, December 11. Every effort to save his life was made, but was unsuccessful. This statement was made by the captain of the steamer. The body has not yet been recovered. Mr. Collins leaves a daughter, the wife of Prof. Delaney, of Louisville, Ky. His first wife was Miss Ida Simms, of Richmond, Ind. His widow was Mrs. Anna Highwarden, of Seattle, Wash.

COLUMBUS, GA.

Miss Isadora Carter has returned from a few weeks' visit to Montgomery, Ala... Miss Pinkie Chambers left Saturday evening for Palmetto, Fla....Mr. Dan Jones, on Rose Hill, who has been quite sick, has recovered....Mrs. Ed De Neal left Saturday evening for Palmetto, Fla....Miss Rosa Lee Reese will return home at an early date to Bainbridge, Ga....Miss Lula Pearl Covington, of Buena Vista, was in the city last week.

LEXINGTON, MO.

Mrs. Mary Wright's fine millinery opposite opera house....Oscar Mullen has opened a restaurant on Tenth street in Masonic building...Misses Pauline Blaire, Allie Neerman, Mildred Hawkins, Bessie Brooks and Hattie Smith returned to school last week....Stephen Slaughter's house was badly damaged by fire two weeks ago.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Stewards of the A. M. E. Church request friends and citizens to assist them in a special effort to raise money for the indebtedness of the stewards, Sunday, January 23. Rev. Green, of the Presbyterian Church, will preach at 11 a. m.; Rev. R. H. Haynes, pastor of the A. M. E. Church of Tuscumbia, at 2:30 p. m., and Rev. Blackman, of Oak Grove, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited. Rev. E. M. Gipson, pastor....Mr. David Cox was shot and killed Saturday night. His funeral was conducted at the C. M. E. Church by Rev. S. L. Bolding, Monday, January 17, at 2:30 p. m....Mr. Thomas Gipson returned home from Birmingham this week. ....Prof. G. W. Brooks spent Sunday in the city....Mr. Arssie Douglass left for Birmingham to visit his mother....Mrs. Susie Griffin, of Huntsville, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Knowles....The Willing Workers' concert was quite a success, and was enjoyed by a large audience.

PAST WEEK AT CHICAGO

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Clifford, of the National Theater, was equally as praising as Mr. Shaw. Mr. Corker is polished, well educated, and possesses a wide range of knowledge. He is, undoubtedly, one of the most popular men in the theatrical business, and much of the success of the "Red Moon" is due the advance work of Mr. Corker. He left Chicago Monday to make a trip through Canada.

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One of the most conspicious signs of the young Negro's activity in the city of Chicago is the progress being made by Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, who conducts a real estate business. He has associated with him several other young men of intelligence and character, and they are "making good" in the Windy City. Mr. Neighbors has an office at 95 Washington street, and a branch office at 3517 State street.

He has been in the city of Chicago about eleven years. His aim was to make a successful business man, and he prepared himself for the task. He worked faithfully and industriously, sought the confidence of the people, went in business, stuck to it, and today he is a credit to the city of Chicago.

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Extremely courteous has been Mr. W. H. Smith, of the Colored Vaudeville Act Company, to the correspondent of THE FREEMAN. He is one of the best known theatrical men in the country, and has opened a number of colored vaudeville houses all over the country. He recently opened the house at New Orleans, La. He has a vaudeville act of nine people, and also has charge of the act of Perrin, Crosby and Parks, one of the biggest successes in the Western Association. The Pekin Theater Trio, consisting of Sam Arnold, Kid Duncan and Will Coles, is in a class all alone. They sing operatic selections, popular songs and rag-time music. Last week they entertained M. C. Gill Cormick, the millionaire harvester who married the daughter of Mark Hanna. This is the class of people that this trio usually furnishes entertainment. This week the trio is in Muskogee, Mich., and next week in Atlantic City. About the first of March they will be booked on the Orpheum Circuit.

Another clever team of Mr. Smith's is Warfield, Train and Madam La Belle. Madame La Belle is a lyric saprano and character artist. These acts mentioned have been employed by all the big booking agencies, and this has been done through the energy and theatrical ability of W. H. Smith, whose office is at the Pekin Theater.

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Jesse Binger, who was the central figure at the last Negro Business Men's League, held at Louisville, because of his success as a banker in the city of Chicago, and a real estate dealer, is located at Thirty-sixth and State streets. The building in which he operates his bank is one of the most modern in this section of the country. His safety deposit valuts are up-to-date, fire and burglar proof, and the furnishings are handsome. It can be safely said that Mr. Binger is one of the pioneers in this kind of a movement, and is making it possible for colored people to reside in houses and flat buildings on the streets and avenues east of State street through to the lake. He has had in his employe seven people in the capacity of cashier, bookkeeper, salesmen and collectors.

Mr. Binger is not only a personal friend of Booker T. Washington, but one of the leading men of the city that preaches a similar gospel to that of the "Wizzard"—"Buy property and own homes." This is exemplified by the fact that a large number of colored people have bought homes from Binger, the banker, and that more than 2,000 people are housed in various flat buildings and houses leased by the real estate dealer. He stands out prominently as being connected with the banking system of the North and West. Mr. Binger is affable, honorable and gentlemanly, and is one of Chicago's most representative citizens.

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It has been our good fortune to pay a visit to the Pekin Theater, where we were shown no small attention by Messrs. Robert Motts, W. H. Smith and Sam J. Corker, Jr. This house was opened in 1904, and is the leading colored theater in the country. The policies of the house have been changed, and at last struck the proper channel. The offerings consist of a high class of vaudeville acts. Mr. Motts' theater is on a par with the leading vaudeville houses in the country, —no act is to big for its patrons. Looking over the bills, from week to week, they compare favorably with any of the downtown houses, and it is hard to see how he can maintain such a high standard of attractions at the price of admission.

Mr. Motts gave a banquet to the managers of the Vaudeville Association last Friday night and it was attended by nearly every member with their wives. Among the guests were Messrs Sam J. Corker, Jr., and W. H. Smith, of the Smith's colored vaudeville act company. A number of fine selections of amusement was presented under the management of Mr. Smith, and the managers pronounced this feature of the banquet a great success.

The banquet was very elaborate and attended by the wives of the managers. A fine menu was served in the Pekin Cafe, and it marked a social epoch in society theatricals.

Mr. Motts is held in high esteem by the managers of the vaudeville organization, and his photo appeared on the front page of the Nulletion last week, issued by the manager's association, from the booking office of Frank Q. Doyle, who books most of the houses in this section.

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Gentlemen's List.

Black, Prof. N.	Kincaid, Nelson
Batsell, D. W.	McQuilty, Mose
Childs, Walter	Murphy, Bert
Day, George	Norton, J. B.
Fisher, Lonnie R.	Strauder, Al
Ferris, Bismark	Smith, Prof. Jeff
Howard, Edward	Washington, H. B.
Hamilton, J. W.	Williams, Geo. A.
Jones, Rastus	Williams Jubilee Singers
Jackson, Richard	
Jones, Elmo	

Ladies' List.

Lane, Lou	Moore, Mrs. Effie
Martin, Daisy	Wolff, Mrs. Hanna

ROUTE.

LOWERY AND MORGAN MINSTRELS—Mexico, Mo., Jan. 24; Vandalia, 25; Bowling Green, 26; Frankford, 27; Perry, 28; Hannibal, 29.

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WILLIAM McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Granite Falls, Minn., Jan. 24; Maynard, 25; Clara City, 26; Raymond, 27; Atwater, 28; Grove City, 29, 30; Dassel, 31, Feb. 1; Cokato, Feb. 2.

VIRGINIAN WARBLERS—Under direction of H. C. Jenkins: Bondurant, Ia., Jan. 24; Marengo, 25; Altoona, 26; Grant City, Mo., 27; Worth, 28; Braddyville, Ia., 29.

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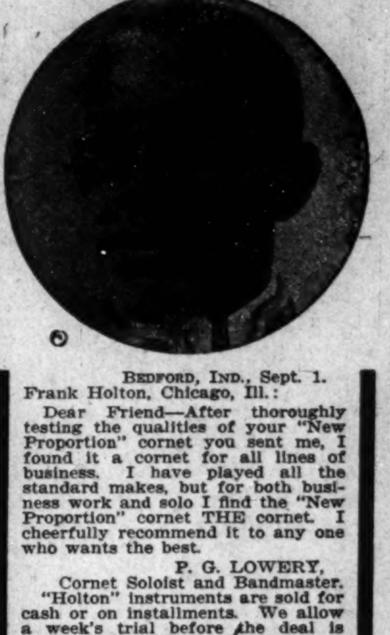

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The Hendersons, in their original creation, "Aunt Phoege's Southern Home," report much success in vaudeville. Week of January 3, at Crown Theater, Pasadena, Cal.; week of January 10, at Unique Theater, San Bernardino, Cal. Regards to all friends. Keep going, Dixie Trio; "Aunt Phoebe" and family are coming.

MANAGERS OF COLORED THEATERS.

We are anxious that you write us at your very earliest convenience, because we have something important on hand for you.—Editor.

BLACK BEES AT STAR THEATER.

PITTSBURG, Pa., January 14.—The Original Six Black Bees has opened for a two weeks' engagement at the Star Theater. The company consists of Sampson and Sampson, Sewell and Eva, in musical comedy; Lyons and Singleton, Walter and Maud; G. T. Wilson, marvelous acrobat; Nora Goff, singing and dancing soubrette. They close their performance with "Eph and Dinah," in Southern pastime, W. S. Singleton as "Eph" and Maud Singleton as "Dinah."

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The Afro-American Vaudeville Booking Association, a new company, with headquarters at the Afro-American Building, Cincinnati, O., and branch offices at Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham, Ala., is a firm with plentiful capital and experienced heads backing the same, and this is the only circuit catering to managers using colored artists and to the interest of colored performers. From what we heard and also saw, the Afro-American Vaudeville Booking Association is a concern that every theatrical owner, manager or performer should turn his interests to, because the firm is a thorougnly reliable one. We recommend this association to all theater owners, managers and performers.

PASTIME THEATER, ATHENS, GA.

J. P. Davis is owner and proprietor; T. B. Young, stage manager. J. H. Williams, comedian, is making a great success with his late songs, "Say No, That's All," and "O You Henry." Miss Aberda Williams, a Southern songbird, is making a successful head with "Shakey Eyes." George Shorty, buck and wing dancer and female impersonator. Amos Daniel, a comedy buck dancer. T. B. Young, Western comedian from St. Louis, is starring in the show and is making a good success with "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself, but Leave His Wife Alone," and "Abraham Lincoln Jones." Mr. Thomas Young would like to hear from J. E. Adams and Jimmie Green, of St. Louis. He sends his best regards to all his friends.

GEORGIA SUNBEAM COMPANY DOING WELL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

PENSACOLA, Fla., January 4.—I beg to state, in behalf of the Georgia Sunbeam Company, headed by Rainey and Rainey, that we have just closed a six weeks' engagement at Lun Park, Atlanta, Ga., and now we are down in the land of flowers. The company is composed of the following: Rainey and Rainey, who are still scoring success every night; Will Owens, the comedian, who keeps them screaming all the while (he sends regards to the profession, particularly Carter and Carter); Porter and Porter, vaudeville artists, that are top-notchers; Mattie Parker and Mittie Bradford, singing and dancing soubrettes; Kelly, the dancing wonder; Zeke, the man who has them all beat, and still talking. He just closed with the Arcade Theater, in Atlanta, where he is still the rage. He sends regards to the profession, and would like to hear from Ed Butler, Jules McGourd, Cox and Cox, and his wife. The orchestra is very fine, and is led by Prof. C. M. Price. Porter, of the traps, is something of a wonder. Regards to the profession.

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THE EXCHANGE THEATER.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The show this week is a bird. We are putting on a first-class minstrel first part, and it is a screamer. Our last act is being staged by Mr. Ed F. Peate, the funmaker, "The Lunatic Asylum," and it is a funny act from start to finish. Our olio comes next: Miss Beulah Henderson, with "I Don't Care" and "I remember You;" Miss Sweety Matthews, "Whistle and I'll Wait for You." We have been handicapped a great deal owing to having lost a producer, as Mr. Bradford left us. Miss Augusta Mines stepped in his shoes; the show has been going just the same, with a little better show now. Prof. Robinson has a lot of trouble with his music, but nevertheless he pulls out. We are sorry his friend, Mr. Hayward, is not with him. He resembles a lost sheep. Miss Emma Hines says for Kid Langford to write. Monroe Tabor, the famous tenor and yodeler, sings that beautiful ballad, "Love Thoughts" and "Intyrol" yodel; Miss Augusta Mines, "You'll Come Back," and taking three and four encores nightly. Miss Emma Thornton, one of our star performers, is a little ill, and will be with us again after a little rest. Such people as Miss Thornton are missed ever so much, because she is willing to take any part and does not care so much for beauty. The way I figure it is that beauty with no talent, in the show business, does not amount to much.

LEE'S MINSTRELS.

Lee's new and up-to-date minstrels opened at the Majestic Theater, London, Ohio, to a packed house, and the show was a scream from start to finish. On the ends were Billy Starks, Charlie Gentry and Ike Paul, with the bones, and H. Gentry, J. Brown and Arthur Williams used the tambos. L. Tish Lee was interlocutor. Ike Paul scored a hit in "The Christening," and Starks just sang "Honey Gal" to a dear little London belle to a finish. C. Gentry, as is always the custom, cleaned up. The olio and after-part of "Cindy's Party" were uproariously received by the audience. The Lee's company simply went grand; the best show that ever struck London, so the Londoners say. The Majestic is the best house in the dear little town of London, with its hospitable and good townsfolk, and each night it was filled to capacity, and some folks had to go home and come early next time. The last half of the week the bill was changed entirely. J. Brown was a prize buck and wing dancer, and scored in his latest song hits. Gentry and Gentry went big in "Darktown Swells." Ike Paul and Billy Starks were very well received in their jungle act. These boys made an awful hit on and off. L. Tish Lee, in her clever imitations of the judge, was a scream from start to finish. Lee's minstrels are just what they are cracked up to be, and make good anywhere they go.

A MISREPRESENTATION.

Published in the January 1 issue of The Freeman was an article headed "Straight Dope from the Wild and Woolly West," by Mr. Arthur L. Prince. Part of the story was correct, but those who were acquainted with the adversities we met with know there were no joy riders or spendthrifts amongst the unfortunate ten who became stranded. The real facts of the case are that after the fortunate members of "Dixieland," through the strategy of Prof. James S. Lacy, formed a company and severed their connection with "Dixieland," and commenced to tour the West, business became of such a nature that we were compelled to close before the ending of the exposition. What little means we had accumulated had to be spent for room and board, and as the amount of finance was very limited, it was soon exhausted. Any honest man or woman always wants to pay his or her debts, and we did not want to be classed as a bunch of frauds. It is easy matter for one who is on top of the hill to throw filth upon those down in the valley. There never has been offered us any assistance from any of the colored contingent in Seattle. All our aid has come from the opposite race. As we are all, except one, non-professionals, our chances of sipping the cup of success were not so good, and have brought on our present dilemma. It is not very courteous, friendly or gentlemanly for one who knows not of what he asserts, simply because he is sailing on the ship of prosperity and fortune, to mislead the public. As the old saying is, every dog has his day, and he who laughs last laghs best. I think my friend should hike it to the woods of shame and relent. We do not envy your success, but on the other hand glory in your being lucky. While it is true we are straînded, we feel hopeful, through the guidance of our Supreme Ruler on high, that the dark cloud which confronts us now will be wafted into the sea of silence, and all will be well. If you can not say a good word about your brother, or do him a good turn, be manly and remain silent. In fact, I am surprised that a man of Mr. Prince's intellectual qualifications would stoop from his lofty height of dignity to write such an erroneous article against those who always admired him for his extensive ability. With all that, we love you as of yore.

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FROM OVER THE FOOTLIGHTS.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

Lately the playwrights have had a penchant for writing lines in the popular plays of the day that tend—a good deal—toward bringing about or reviving race feeling of the bitterest sort. It's "nigger this and nigger that" in the modern drama of to-day, and, what is more, everytime the word is said a majority of the white's applaud, especially if it discredits the Negro to any extent. It seems that they have caught the belief that a play cannot be successful unless it deals severely with the Negro. We wonder if they realize how weak the step may be in taking such a trend to become successful. It will not be long before they will find themselves swallowed up in some whale, as went the Rev. Thomas Dixson.

Looking over the field of young performers, we find quite a number who are doing much to raise the standard of the Negro on the stage. For some time we have been noticing the steady climb of King and Bailey, and we do not fear to say that there is more than likely to be another Williams and Walker in the making of King and Bailey. Mere boys, you might say, and yet what a wonderful amount of real stage art has developed in them in less than a half dozen years. Originate everything they do, and more, too, it looks like. In a few more seasons the stage world will find them at the head of a big company, if sickness or death does not hinder it.

Sam McCorker, the advance representative of Cole and Johnson this season, is about as interesting a person as one would wish to meet these days. He is bubbling over with good nature, and is frank—very frank, indeed—with every mother's son and daughter. He is also a very shrewd fellow, and, being so, it takes a very good oue to outstrip him. Not very long ago, while stopping at a hotel over Sunday in a small Illinois town, he rang for the bellboy and told him to bring him a Sunday paper. After being gone a few minutes the lad returned. On taking the paper, Mr. Corker found that the supplement was missing. Turning to the boy, he said: "Where is the colored supplement?" The boy left the room with a bound, and in a minute or so came back and handed him a Freeman, saying, "Here's yo' cullud suppl'men'."

It is amazing to note the advancement our people are making in theatrical lines. Don't you know that there are some four or five thousand Negroes on the stage to-day, and nearly thirty playhouses? The theater proposition is the greatest thing of the age, and a special edition telling all about them will be issued soon.

WEALTHY CHIMPANZEE EATS DINNER IN CLAYPOOL ATRIUM.

Astonishes Fashionable Onlookers with His Perfect Table Manners and Human Deportment.

By Betty Blythe.

The dinner crowd in the Claypool Atrium was treated to a brand new sensation last evening.

The people who dined between 6 and 7 o'clock dined with—a moneky—chimpanzee, if you prefer.

Now, unless you happen to be in the $100,000 class, do not hastily declare that you would not dine with a monkey. For that's what Consul, the educated chimpanzee that is appearing at the Colonial Theater this week, is worth. He's insured for that amount, and the price is considered cheap at that.

Consul is a money maker. Not many of those who ate their dinners at tables in Consul's vicinity last nght would be able to command the salary that goes to Consul's owner every week. Probably a monkey that is worth $100,000 dead and a good deal more alive—that is, if he does not die too quickly—merits a place in a fashionable cafe with service by a highly competent waiter. Nothing seems to be too good for Consul. Twice has he dined at the table of the President of the French republic, and many times has he been an invited guest in other high places.

Consul's culture is the result of Frank C. Bostock's highly specialized work. People of this city will recall the days when Bostock's Zoo was counted among the amusement places of this city, and with the recollection will come memories of the wonderfully trained animals exhibited there. Recalling all this, no one who knew Frank C. Bostock in his local days will wonder at the amazing things done by Consol.

Consol is a gentleman chimpanzee. There were those who watched him at his dinner at the Claypool last night who remarked that there are human beings who do not display half such good table manners as Consul. In fact, it goes without saying that the little—animal, should one say?—must necessarily be well mannered, else fashionable hotels would not swing wide their doors to him.

Last night Consul was a member of a dinner party which sat at a specially decorated table in the Atrium. Consul arrived in charge of his trainer and Cecil Owen, manager of the Colonial Theater. Mrs. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and other guests were in the party. Consul and his trainer, with the latter's wife, came by automobile. Consul wore a cunning dress suit with all the accessories, and seemed to be deeply conscious of his good clothes. Divesting himself of his evening top coat and his diminutive silk hat, he stood patiently waiting until the men of the party disposed of their coats, then he gravely took the lead with Mr. Owen in the march to the dining room. A big crowd of passers-by, attracted by the novel sight of a monkey entering a fashionable cafe, followed the party into the lobby, some even venturing to the cafe, where they watched with amazement Consul take his place at a table, spread his napkin and gravely turn his attention to a glass of wine.

"To your very good health," said the trainer in French, and Consul, seeming to understand, lifted his glass politely, touched it to that of his trainer, and drank his health. There were pretty red cherries in the glass, and the crowd that quickly gathered around the table laughed gleefully as Consul picked up a silver spoon and ate the cherries, slowly, as good breeding required, but very evidently with a desire to hurry the process. Meanwhile he kept an eye on his neighbor's cherries. He passed the oysters, but accepted a helping of baked fish, which he ate daintily with his fork. Between courses Consul occupied himself with celery.

When the time came for the serving of a huge planked tenderloin steak, Consul watched the movements of the waiters with deep attention. When the brightly garnished dish was placed in front of Host Owen, Consul electrified everybody within sight of the table by half rising in his chair and clapping his hands delightedly. He watched the carving process with interest, and smiled a monkey smile when his portion was served.

Mincingly he nibbled at the French pastry and then nodded his head emphatically in the direction of the coffee pot. On being served he lifted the cup and drank with satisfaction. Dinner finished, Consul lighted a cigarette and, leaning his elbow on the table, watched the rings of smoke curl upward, a reflective look upon his ugly face.

"I think that is pathetic," remarked a member of a party at a nearby table. "Think of being the center of interest in this cafe to-night and not be able to appreciate it. Think of being worth hundreds of dollars a week and not enjoy spending a cent of it. Why, that monkey is worth more than any one of us here at the table," the man went on, a startled note in his voice.

Well, perhaps Consul does not know that he is worth $100,000; perhaps he does not appreciate the fact that he is invited to dine with presidents of republics. But all the same he receives as much care as the only son of a multimillionaire. He is guarded—well, like a monkey that will be worth $100,000 dead and more alive would naturally be guarded. He rides in an automobile every time he leaves his hotel. He has the constant attendance of two people. He has the care that few human beings in this own receive, and—there is no need of enumerating further.—Daily Star of Indianapolis.

DULUTH, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Richard Gordon became ill with pneumonia while visiting friends in St. Paul on New Year's. At this writing he is progressing nicely, and it is expected he will be able to return here at any early date....Miss Martha Steele gave a supper for the benefit of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church. The piece de resistance came from the inner regions of the hog, and was much relished by a very large number. Mrs. Steele was assisted by Mesdames Bishop and Dawson and Messise Horne and Chavis....Walter Whitehead, the lacol pugilist, was badly stabbed last Friday morning by Ralph Jones, in Ches O'Neal's Club, the direct result of a dice game. Whitehead is in St. Luke's Hospital with a much-punctured body and a good chance for recovery, while Jones is in jail thinking it over, charged with malicious assult. O'Neal paid $102.50 for permitting gambling in his club....Mrs. Maud Hayes Shevlin, a charming widow from Aberdeen, S. D., is spending a few weeks in the city, the guest of Mrs. P. L. Gayton, of Duluth Heights. Mrs. Shevlin leaves soon for a visit with friends in the Windy City. She has been the guest of honor at a number of elite functions arranged by Mrs. Gayton and her friends during her stay here....Mrs. C. W. Batchman was granted a divorce decree from her husband, Charles W. Batchman, recently, being the first colored woman to receive such a decree in St. Louis county's new million-dollar court house. Mrs. Batchman was given the custody of their only child and the right to resume her maiden name, Estella Greene. Miss Greene formerly lived in Omaha, Neb., where she bore an excellent reputation and was closely identified with church and social work. Since coming to Duluth her every act has commended her to the greatest respect of the community....Mrs. Laura Fairfax Colby and daughter Anna returned Sunday from Cleveland, where they have been spending a few weeks visiting relatives and friends....Dame Rumor reports two weddings recently. We will have to see Miss Wesley and Mr. McCullough for confirmation....The Freeman for sale at Alexander's restaurant, 22 West First street..The Interstate Club held its annual election and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Jessie Williams; vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Porter; secretary, Mrs. J. D. Mobley; assistant secretary, Mrs. W. A. Porter; treasurer, Mrs. Cordelia Johnson.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. George M. Brown and son returend home Monday, after a visit of two weeks in Omaha, Neb., among relatives and friends. She was entertained by many of her former schoolmates of St. Joseph, Mo., and had more than a pleasant visit with relatives in Omaha....Through the kindness of Messrs. Brown and Parker, who headed the movement, and the assistance of his many friends, Thomas Dixon was given a Christian burial, at the expense of $53. Many beautiful flowers were donated. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Herbert Parker for the interest he took in the affair....The Elks gave their installation and ball Tuesday, January 11, at Normania Hall, and a larger crowd of beautiful ladies has not been seen here in a long time.

FARE BADLY.

Negroes Traveling in the South Subjected to Much Inconvenience.

Special to THE FREEMAN

DENISON, Tex.—The petition by the Negro teachers of Texas, through their association, for better accommodations brought to light the fact that the Texas Railroad Commission has no authority to compel or suggest a remedy for one of the most flagrant inconveniences to which Negroes who travel are subjected. This is the inconvenience of securing something to eat. At some stations where there are lunch counters, usually not more than two stools are placed behind a thick wooden partition, so no black man can pass through. No provision is made for our people to secure full meals at places where dining stations are operated. This forces Negroes, if they have sufficient time, to have to leave their trains and chase off looking for some Negro restaurant, where usually a poor meal is served at an extortionate price. In justice to some of the dining stations it may be said some of them permit Negroes to come in the back door and eat in the "kitchen." This is certainly an accommodation when one considers the humiliation of wanting his wife to eat a meal and ease in through a dirty kitchen to get it.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Business Men's League was addressed at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Franklin street, by Senator Dancey Fort on the subject "Progress of the Negro Race."....Dabney's orchestra rendered a fine musical program at the Masonic Auditorium Tuesday evening. It was well attended and highly enjoyed by all present....Mrs. Emily Grady died January 11, at her home on Commerce street. Funeral services at Zion by the pastor, Rev. Irvin.

TAFT HELPS COLORED SCHOOL.

Sends Check of $100 for Girls' Dormitory at Wilberforce University.

XENIA, O., January 14.—President Taft has sent a check for $100 to President Scarborough, of Wilberforce University, to be applied to the fund for a girls' dormitory. Andrew Carnegie has signified his intention of donating $17,500 to the fund when a similar amount has been raised.

NORD ALEXIS MAY VISIT HAYTI.

Deposed Chief Is Invited to Visit Native Land.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Jan. 12.—President Simon, to whom the government officials and people paid their respects to-day on the occasion of the anniversary of the independence of Hayti, announced that he would authorize the return to Hayti of Gen. Nord Alexis, the former President. In making this announcement Gen. Simon said that as Nord Alexis had been chief of the state he merited the respect of all his fellow citizens. This generosity on the part of President Simon is unique in the history of Hayti. Gen. Nord Alexis, who was deposed from the presidency December 2, 1908, is at present living at Kingston, Jamaica.

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In the Field of Sport.

BY C. DANA MARSHALL.

Winter pennants are the only kind some base ball clubs have a chance to win.

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And still a lot of foolhardy novices are willing to risk their lives with Sam Langford.

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What a spanking those Cuban players will receive when we get them in our own ball yard½

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That knockouts and beatings in the ring do not hurt is proved conclusively when Hugo Kelly again agrees to fight Ketchel.

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Sam Langford was the guest of honor at a banquet that drew the color line so strong that they did not even have white waiters.

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Again demonstrating that there is an end to almost everything earthly Jim Jeffries is getting down to lower case headlines.

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It is pretty hard when a fighter of the caliber of Fitzsimmons is forced to take the position of trainer for a small-bore gun like Ketchel.

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Almost all of the major league clubs carry a lot of players fans never hear of except when minor leagueclubs try to get them before the season starts.

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Nelson has announced that he has quit the stage for a long time and it will be longer than that if some of the lightweight championship aspirants have their way.

TO JACK JOHNSON.

By Milton Pope Fuller, Vancouver, B. C.

I'm glad to know 'twas thus ordained by fate
That Ethiopia's son should have the name:
"The World's Champion" at the boxing game—
Jack Johnson, pugilism's master great!
The man's a fool who'd not enjoy thy state,
Wherein do lie the honor and the fame
Of earth. Thou, with thy gentle (?) touch, must tame
All pugilistic lions who roar with hate.
Now rest assured thy race is proud of thee!
All races praise their heroes great and grand.
Therefore, is there a reason why that we
Praise thee; such doth race pride demand—
We praise thee now before thy "fleeting breath"
Doth leave its house of clay because of Death.

SPARKS FROM THE DIAMOND.

By David Wyatt.

Big Chief "Rube" Foster left Chicago Monday with his band of warriors and will invade the everglades of Florida. "Rube" saye in his eighteen game sires for the winter championship he will try to bring home the bacon, and if not he will get some aligator hides at least. Foster is a carrying along a bunch of husky athaletes of whom great things are expected; that is, if the famous Florida sun baths have the desired affect.

Pete Hill, the great out fielders and boss swatter, got in from Cuba. Pete is looking good, but has a severe attach of Charley-horse. The old swatter has been working his nimble props overtime, and they are sadly in need of a rest, which no doubt Hill will agree to.

Three of the great outfielders of the former Leland Giants are now carrying unsafe underpinnings, Green, Winstul and Hill. The other star out gardner, Payne, received a wallop on the "coco" while at work this winter. However, it will heal up in time for the eccentric one to pull off some of his famous high-dive catches.

"Home-run" Johnson, "Old Hoss" Buckner and others write that the ywill meet Big Chief "Rube" and smiling "Chaffe" Johnson face to face in Florida. Unfortunately these gladiators are western products, so there is no chance for a vindication of Mr. Daniel's argument.

Pittsburg is a western city in the big leagues and quit a number of our star players come from there and vicinity surrounding it. A few of the most prominent ones are as follows: Pittsburg, "Fleet" Walker, Ed. Wilson, Bowmans (2d lb); East Liverpool, O., "Doc" Howard (pitcher); Bellaim, O., Sol White, "Chaffin" Johnson; Findly, O., "Home-run" Johnson; Pomeroy, O., Nathan Harris, Chas. Heicu; Columbus, O., Chase Lyons (catcher); St. Marys, O., Jim Schoes (pitcher); Dayton, O., Wm. Sloon, Lyons (pitchers); Cincinnati, O., Chas. Grant, Bob Foots, Willis Jones; Nelsenville, O., Dave Wyatt; Pittsburg, Gilkerson, Pangburn, Garrison, Armstrong; Harrisburg, Pa., "Waxin" Williams, Jordon, Ray Wilson; Indiana, "Pat" Dougharty, Shawler, Primn, Hutchinson; Illinois, Wm. Holland, Smithe, Green, Toney, Johnson; Michigan, George Wilson, Binga, Malone, Washington, Harry Moore, "Mustasch" Jackson (deceased), Pate; Minneapolis, Ball, Marshall, Williams; Wisconsin, Matthews (pitcher); Nebraska, Patterson, Talbert, "Cannon Ball" Miller; Kansas, Bert Jones, Richardson (deceased), Wakefield, Normans (2), "Jack" Johnson; Colorado, George Taylor; New Mexico, Wm. Petis; Texas, "Rube" Foster, Gatewood, Campbell, "Cyclone Joe"; Arkansas, Julien Warn, Gabbie Milliner; Missouri, McMurry, Green (catchers); Kentucky, Buchner, Ross, Means, Haynes; Tennessee, Petways (2), Hyde, "Big" Smith, Leland, Jordon, King, Tobe, Higgins (in big league), Campbell, Joyner; Alabama, "Steel Arm" John Taylor, Taylor, Monroe; Louisana, Pete Burns, John Hopkins; Georgia, Lyod; Virginia, Booker, Wright, Hill, Payne, Robinson; New Jersey, Bob Jackson, Andy Jackson; New York, Nelson, Frank Grant, Bud Fowler; Massachusetts, Seldan, Earl (pitchers).

In the spring of 1895 the Page Fence Giants made a good showing against the Cincinnati (Ohio) Reds, National League club, "Cannon Ball" Miller pitching, Johnson ss, Fowler 2d lb, Malone 3d lb. In this game Brooks, a Michigan boy, who afterwards droped dead upon the field, had eight put outs.

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When Jack Johnson resorts to getting arrested it is almost a sure sign the box office receipts are not satisfactory.

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Mr. Leland has about completed his work on the history of Negro base ball. We are anxiously waiting its appearance.

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John Patterson is now a policeman at Battle Creek, Mich. Ball players of his type are as scarce as hen teeth these days.

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Bob Foots, the catcher whose strong arm has prevented many a base runner from making the circuit of the bases, is now studying cross circuits on the elevated road in Brooklyn.

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"Pt" Dougherty, the twirler who had the Cubs standing on their heads last fall, will exhibit his powers in Florida. The speed that this lad can turn loose from the south side of his anatomy will make the Eastern boys forget Mendey.

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Will the Eastern contingents of base ball please remove the lid and let out some choice base ball dope. We have been handicaped for years through lack of news paper space. THE FREEMAN is open and willing to publish your doings.

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"Jack" Johnson says he put Kansas City on the base ball map, and if he refuses to write us he will eliminate it from the map. The writer was worthy enough to book you up solid for a month in chicago, all choice dates, so let me have something to boost you on. We have forgotten your experience with the Cubans and so have the Lelands and Philadelphia Giants.

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Horace Jinkins, a young lad of 17 years, pitched a no hit, no run game his first year in the semi-pros, the performance occurred while pitching for the Illinois Giants. The opposing pitcher fanned thirteen batters. No hit, no run games have been pitched by "Rube" Foster, Walter Ball, Bill Horn, Dan McClelland, John Davis, and Matthews, pitching for the Leland Giants, went sixteen innings against Pfeffer, National League twirler, with score standing 0 to 0.

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It is regretted that Ed Lamar, Jr., who pilloted the Cubans last year, is always getting frozen out. Lamar is one of the most loyal, honest and democratic white men that ever dealt with our race. Ninety-nine per cent. of the players in the game now(and out) owe much of their success to him and his loyalty. Mr. Lamar is wise on base ball and players, and is full aware that players return ingratitude for kindness. "Rube" Foster can speak volumns along that line since being a manager.

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A former manager of base ball who should not be forgotten is Wm. Brown, formerly of Rushville, Ind. He was manager of the Leland Giants for three years. I must say that Mr. Brown was the best handler of base ball players that I have seen yet. He was a strict disciplinarian and commanded the respect of all players, and his knowledge of the traits of different individuals went a long ways towards solving knott yproblems, and the same was turned into benefits for the player or players. Mr. Brown dug up some great base ball material, namely: Gatewood, Petway brothers, Primm, Campbell, Ball, Irwin, Glenn, Barton and others. He was the only manager who could handle a half dozen of players who were considered the worst lot in the business, as far as disciplon goes. He succeeded in developing them into stars, and the record of forty-six straight wins while he was manager will probably never be equaled.

KETCHEL MAY MEET BURNS.

If Match is Made Fitzsimmons Will Train Stanley.

Special to The Freeman.

MELBOURNE, January 13.—Stanley Ketchel has sent a cable message to Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, that he is willing to meet Tommy Burns in Australia. The match probably will be made, and the fight take place in Sydney about Easter. Bob Fitzsimmons will train Ketchel.

JOHNSON ARRESTED AGAIN.

Champion Taken in Bed for Violating Automobile Laws.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

BOSTON, January 13.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, who is appearing here at a local theater, was arrested yesterday morning. He was in bed when the officers, with a warrant, went to the hotel and asked for him. There are three charges of violation of the automobile laws against the champion, for overspeeding, not being licensed and operating an unregistered automobile. The complaints date back to the last time the pugilist was in Boston, last summer.

NELSON SAYS JEFFRIES CAN NOT LAST WITH JOHNSON.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, January 12.—Battling Nelson today picked Jack Johnson as the winner of the Johnson-Jeffries go.

"Fighters never come back," said Bat. He talked with reluctance because he said he might be chosen referee of the big fight. "I won't believe that the Negro is not game till I see him lie down," he continued, "and he appears to be a certain winner."

"Jeffries has fought four rounds in six years, and he hasn't led a Sunday school teacher's life. I don't see how he will last."

NO CHAMPIONS IN SOUTH.

Woodman Says Southern Black Race is Out of Running.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MEMPHIS, January 10.—According to J. A. Woodman, a Boston pugilistic promoter, he has just made a startling discovery that will save pugilistic impresarios much money. Woodman, who has managed Sam Langford for seven years, says that more money than any one dreamed of has been spent by northern white men and southerners, too, searching the cotton fields and craps dives south of the Mason and Dixon line for an African giant of Jack Johnson' caliber; one that can stand the "gaff, administer punishment and incidentally furnish the promoter-manager as a 'meal ticket.'" But Woodman's discovery shows that such explorations in the southern states are hopeless. This is his first trip south. He has seen thousands of Negroes, and he has been told that there are millions more in the black belt adjacent to Memphis where Ethiopians in some counties outnumber the Caucasian race ten to one but Woodman says he has seen enough to convince him that so far as their pugilistic powers are concerned the black race south is out of the running.

PILE OF JOHNSON MONEY.

Manager Little Will Wager $20,000 at Ringside Odds.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

NEW YORK, January 10.—George Little, manager of Jack Johnson, made a proposition today which may result in action. Little, who is in New York, has a $500 forfeit which he offers for a $20,000 bet at ringside odds on the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

"There is nothing detrimental to the fighting business to be gained by criticism of our actions," said Little. "We are as confident as ever of victory, but why should we tie up thousands of dollars at even money, when we are sure that better figures can be obtained¼ Any man who has the Jeffries end of the fight can come to me and be accommodated, but I insist on a forfeit. Ringside odds is the basis of all betting in this fight. Naturally I hope that Jeffries is a 4 to 1 to larger favorite.

"Johnson is a fighter who can fight; Jeffries thinks he can do the same stunts, but he is like a boy who threatens his father. And Johnson is no grandpa of the ring. He is three years younger than Jeffries, and has always fought under the handicap of color."

CUBAN TEAM MAY PLAY AT WASHINGTON PARK.

Exhibitions Games With Foreigners Probable.

Indianapolis base ball fans will next summer probably get an opportunity to see the famous Cuban base ball players who made such a good record at home during the present winter against American teams. An invasion of the United States is being planned for the crack Cuban team, and if the proposed program is carried out the representatives of the hustling little island will play in the principal cities of the United States. Indianapolis will get several of these contests as it is believed the Cubans would be a strong attraction in this city as a result of the games the Indians played in Cuba last fall.

Manager Carr's Indianapolis team is the only aggregation of Americans that did as well as to break even in Cuba, notwithstanding that the Detroit team and an all-National team played many games over there. The Indians lost six and won eight games in Cuba, and were extremely popular. If the Cubans come to this city they probably will play both the Indians and the strongest of the Indianapolis semi-professional teams. Chicago promoters are anxious to book the Cubans for a long list of games. The men wanted for the trip here include: Mendez, Pedroso and Munoz, pitchers; G. Gonzalez, catcher; Parpetti, first base; Buster, shortstop; Moran, third base; Hernandez, Marsans and Magrinat, outfielders.

JOHNSON'S FRIENDS WILL BET.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

New York, Jan. 14.—A pool of $10,000 has been raised by Negroes in New York City to wager on Jack Johnson in the championship boxing contest next July.

LANGFORD EASY WINNER.

Dixie Kid Proves to Be No Match for Boston Negro.

Special to The Freeman:

MEMPHIS, January 11.—Southern fight fans had little opportunity to see Sam Langford in action last night at the Phœnix Club, on account of the case of stage fright manifested by his opponent, the Dixie Kid, at the start, but during the brief space of time Langford exhibited he created a sensation by his tremendous punching powers, which were dealt to Dixie in such rapid fashion that he was counted out shortly after the start of the third round. Previous to that Dixie had consumed half of the time in taking the count.

SAM LANGFORD.

TIME NOW RIPE FOR FORMATION OF A COLORED LEAGUE.

By David Wyatt.

The time is about upon us when the organization of a colored league will be necessary. The experience of the famous Leland Giants, after winning a penant in a mixed league, should serve as an eye-opener; another convincing argument is the difficulty booking agencies are experiencing in getting satisfactory terms for their clients. The time was when you could book from week end to another, and for months in advance, practically making your own terms, but not so now. Managers in all "burgs," no matter how small, are wise to all the tricks of the trade, so when you do get booked in a town you are on the anxious seat until a final settlement for fear something will be put over on you.

The field of work for traveling or homeless clubs is diminishing, and with alarming rapidity. The reason is that all towns with a population worth considering are forming into leagues and playing regular schedules, thereby cutting off a traveling club's source of revenue and narrowing the field of operation. In fact, league base ball has taken such an impetues in the last six years that it is next to impossible to realize anything in the way of profit through a traveling club. The Cuban Stars might be used as good example. It was a low-salareu aggregation, and they were the best drawing card in the States in the semi-pro field—they were in demand at all times and from all quarters—they got the top price and guarantees at all times, still when they arrived here the business was in a state of bankruptcy.

Mr. Lamar stated that after playing one town it was so far to another in which they could get a game that he was about ready to quit. Fortunately, they played to $2,000 worth of business here in twenty days, but a few weeks later were forced to leave on account of expenses over-running receipts. They were forced to jump several hundred miles without a game, as did the Philadelphia Giants. The jumps are the things that hurt, which is due to league ball.

A few things we must consider are these: Every race playing base ball is organizing it and trying to connect themselves with the big ones. They all, as soon as organized, draw the color line, and why? For the sole purpose of making you organize. The Cuban league has drawn the color line and we cannot do much with the national agreement as clusters of towns in all parts of the country are forming into leagues, they do not want us and can not use us, why? Because we are a lot of homeless base ball creatures, vagrants, and what style of man is he who wants such company? Jeffries told Johnson six years ago to get out and get something, get a reputation. Did he do it? I should say, yes, and traveled thousands of miles, enduring all kinds of hardships for the purpose. His reward for such an amount of diligenece is well known. He was soon recognized as king of all fighters, which caused every American citizen of a white line to demand that "Jeff" come from a six year's lay off and carry the white man's burden. Now let's pursue the same course in base ball that Johnson has in pugilism and our doings will demand recognition.

How many will volunteer to stand a part of the colored man's burdens in base ball? We all forgive our magnates for mistakes in the past, but we forcefully demand now that you show something along business lines in the way of sensible investment of capital, and your holdings should be something other than uniforms and paper for contracts, etc. Our base ball resources are narrow indeed. Think of our condition in the greatest base ball city in the whole world.

There are two big league parks and about thirty semi-pro parks, also unlimited amount of space for amateur contests. This is the headquarters, having offices of two big league clubs and a half-dozen minor league clubs. Negro base ball (playing) has reached the highest point of development here, as we have about six good semi-pro colored teams right in the city. The dark side is this: There is not a colored club in the city who owns a park, and not one who has a boni-fide lease on a park, still twelve years ago the only park of any note was leased and controlled by a colored man, which was the home of a great colored team. A score or more have been erected since, but we find our promoters content and satisfied at borrowing the use of one for an afternoon's play. It has been years since we were placed in a position that made us able to originate ideas, and have things of our own, but some are inclined to believe that it does not apply to base ball. We should speedily take advantage of opportunity and waken up to the realization that we have had free access to the great national game for a period of thirty years or more, and we may, by an organized effort, be able to work base ball for away from the fag-end of our great race progress.

A league could be formed right in the State of Virginia, one in Texas, and numerous other localities are now ripe for inter-State leagues. A compact circuit could be formed from the following cities: St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus. An itinerary of 1,000 miles will take you over the circuit. Grounds of our own could be secured in these cities. Much of the distance is covered by trolley lines, thereby lessening the cost of travel, which is the main consideration in forming a league.

The Negro population in each city would assure them a high rating as to class in organized base ball. The largest jumps are between the best drawing cities, St. Louis and Louisville and Indianapolis and St. Louis. A schedule to run from April 15 to October would be a nice starter. In order to prevent staleness of a long schedule of games with the same teams, seventy-two games for the week-end, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, would be the right way, with about sixty games left for the other parts of the week to be played at home and abroad with independent clubs. Such contests should be aside from league games, and in no way connected, only through club owners and players, and such games could be played on a profit plan or on a salary plan, which would boost the salary of players quite high, as seventy-two league games would not allow much in that respect.

The territory adjacent to this circuit is the best in the country for exhibition contests, both at home and abroad, and games could be booked for all league clubs through an agency, having THE FREEMAN as supervisor, which would insure safety to all concerned and lend much business significance to the plan. The two plans worked together would mean success, as clubs in all those cities did well last season, playing any kind of a team that came.

A rough estimation on low attendance figures would bring good results. An attendance of 43,200 for seventy-two games would average about 600 per game, or 1,800 for a series of three games, using this as a bases, the league would realize $1,200 at 10 per cent; the home clubs, $6,480; the visiting clubs, $4,320, at 60 and 40. The expenses of a club for traveling, salaries, balls and expense of running the business would foot up $4,740. This would leave a margin of $2,000 or more to the good, and when privileges, score cards, fence ads, and the admissions above 25 cents, are considered it should run to $3,000 or more, not counting exhibition games. All clubs should post a forfeit of $250 as a guarantee of good faith, and a guarantee of $50 per game, or $150 for a series, would be about right. Think it over!

SAYS MOST OF STARS COME FROM WEST.

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Chicago, Jan. 2, 1910.

Mr. Editor.

Sir—It is not my intention to use the valuable space in your paper in fruitless arguments, on the contrary, I thought my feeble efforts would be of some service to the best colored paper in the country, and its many readers, in writing something, from time to time, concerning our boys of color who are in the great national game. In selecting the team I thought would be a representative one I was not of the opinion that it would cause hard feeling with anyone, and I had no intention of slighting any particular section of the country. In picking an all-American team one must consider every possible feature that may arise to confront the player, also his temperament, and not let personal like or dislike sway his judgment. I think I was fair and impartial to the East, as I have named several of their stars on the team. I have ten or twelve years of hard knocks and practical experience on the diamond to back up the statement that I think I am competent to judge the ability of a ball player, and in doing so I wish to state that his performance in any single game causes me to place him before or after any one else. It has always been the consensus of opinion that the East was far ahead of the West in all sports, especially base ball, but the fact is pretty well established that the West has furnished most of the stars for the eastern teams, and the records will back this statement.

Mr. David Wyatt and myself have chosen to make this a life study, and while we were in the game studied it from every angle and view-point; we follow, closely, any changes adopted by the big leagues, comment upon the same and exchange ideas, and our advice hasbeen sought after by successful managers time and again.

In closing, I will say that it is our policy never to defend on heresy, for our articles, our statements, are backed by records which we know are authentic, as we were eye witnesses to the same, both as players and spectators.

These men who were considered the stars on the Eastern teams are all graduates from the Western teams, therefore are hailed as Western players: Sol White, Grant Johnson, Charlie Grant, Harry Buckner, Harry Moore, Nathan Harris, John Patterson, William Binga, William Horn, George (Rat) Johnson, Walter Ball, Andrew (Rube) Foster, Danger Talbert, Billy Holland, Bob Footes, Sherman Barton and several others. In my judgment, the two best exponents of first base, playing, when they were in their prime, were Ray Wilson, of the Cuban X Giants, and George Taylor, of the Page Fence and Leland Giants. They were in a class by themselves, Wilson slightly in the lead. I thank you for the use of your valuable space, and remain as ever,

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Mrs. Samuels is ill at her home in West Tenth street.

Mr. Wick Adams, of Muncie, Ind., is attending a local veterinary college.

Miss Sallie Reed, Miss Fishie Thomas and Mrs. C. J. eLonard are improving at the City Hospital.

Mrs. Millie Alexander, the beauty culturist and hair dreser, was in Franklin Tuesday on business.

The Lottos will meet with Miss Gatewood tonight at the home of Mrs. Mary Brooks Johnson, in West Fourteenth street.

Miss Hannett Ellis and Miss Flora Davis called on Miss Malinda Shirley last Sunday evening at her residence, 420 Rankin street.

The Phoenix Club will dance January 26 at Odd Fellows' Hall. Gus Hutchinson, president; Robert Morris, secretary, and Homer Bennett, treasurer.

Madam Harper is giving spiritual meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Readings given daily from 1 to 10 p. m. 635 East Miami street.

The Marion County Union will meet Sunday, Jan. 23, at South Calvary Church. All missionaries are expected to be highly represented. Meeting starts promptly at 2 p. m.

Mr. Onis Williams, an old Indianapolis boy who has been making Cleveland his home for several years, has purchased the business of Mr. G. H. Taylor at 321 and 323 Indiana avenue.

The funeral of Charles L. Smith was held at Willis' Chapel Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of Central Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M. Mr. Smith had been ill for several months. oN surviving relatives.

Charles Brown, of Herrick, O.; J. R. McDolmand, Duquoin, Ill.; L. W. Scott, Lexington, Mo.; William Foster, Kensee, Ky.; James Roberson, Richmond, Mo., and Arthur Jefferson, of Mt. Wash, Ky., are in the city this week attending the Miners' convention.

ATHLETIC CLUB TO GIVE SMOKER

The Indianapolis Colored Athletic Club will give a smoker at their training quarters, 214½ Indiana avenue, Tuesday evening, January 25.

UNION TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival is still in progress at the Union Tabernacle Baptist Church. Rev. W. R. Wilson, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, is preaching. He will preach a special sermon to men Sunday night. There were two conversions last Sunday.

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Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor. Class at 12:30 p m. Sabbath school at 1 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by Rev. T. E. Willson, of C. M. E. Church. A. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

Revival services all next week. All are cordially invited to attend all these meeting. Geo. C. Sampson, pastor.

DEATH OF HENRY SWEETLAND.

Henry Sweetland, who lived at 408 West Fourteenth street, one of the oldest colored residents and transfer men in the city, died Friday morning at Ward's Sanitarium, where he underwent an operation Tuesday for blood poisoning. Mr. Sweetland was born in Lexington, Ky., 66 years ago. He had been a resident of this city thirty-six years. Fully half of this time he spent as a transfer man, and was well known. About twenty years ago Mr. Sweetland was active in city politics, and served two years as city councilman.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Ellen Sweetland, and a grandson, Henry Brooks. The funeral was held oMnday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Simpson Chapel under the auspices of Lincoln Union Lodge of Odd Fellows and Pride of the West Lodge and Damon Company of Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias.

A PIPE ORGAN AND PIANO RECITAL.

Miss Virginia Fleming, a young woman of rare musical ability and a member of the senior class at the State Institute for the Blind, will be heard in a Pipe Organ and Piano recital at Jones Tabernacle Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, under the auspices of the Missionary Circle of the Second Christian Church.

M. E. CHURCH.

Simpson Chapel Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Epworth eLague from 7 to 7:45 p. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Prayer and Class Meetings Tuesday at 8 p. m. Trustees meeting the first Monday in the month. Leaders and Stewards meetings the third Monday in the month. Choir rehearsal every Friday evening at 8 p. m. All welcome. J. S. Bailey, Pastor.

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On Friday, January 28, at 9 o'clock a. m., the first graduating exercises in No. 17, the new departmental school, will be held at the above named building. The graduating exercises will be somewhat unique, the regular work being conducted during the first part of the program. At 11 o'clock the pupils will assemble in the hall of the building and receive their diplomas. All patrons and friends are invited.

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Thursday evening, Jan. 27, will be the election of trustees for incorporation.

The next Quarterly Conference will be Feb. 4. Quarterly meeting will be hld on the following Sunday.

A beautiful drama entitled "Peptha's Daughter" will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Social Club, Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The Social Club will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. Wilber Cochran, 909 Camp street, Thursday, Jan. 27.

The pastor's subject Sunday morning at 10:45 will be "Persecuted for Righteousness Sake," for the evening service "Robbing Gdo."

The Sunday school will meet at 12:45.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

"The Larger Vision" will be the subject of a strong and forceful address to be delivered on Sunday, Jan. 23, before the "oMnster Meeting" at Jones Tabernacle, North and Blackford streets, by Mr. Bretram C. Day.

This is the third appearance of Mr. Day before the Colored Association. Last year he spoke to the men on "The Weak Hour" and won their interest and hearty approval. A large crowd will be out to hear him on Sunday. The doors will be open at 3 p. m. The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra and the Colored Y. M. C. A. Glee Club will render a thirty-minute program. Every man is invited to come. Men only.

Keep disengaged for the "Douglass Memorial," which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20, at Tomlinson Hall. The general secretary, Thomas E. Taylor, desires that all secretaries of the various organizations and societies would send in the name of their organization and societies and address so that he may send invitations to them.

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More than 300 were guests at the banquet and witnessed the very impressive installation ceremonies administered to the 1910 officers of Phœnix Lodge No. 7, I. B. P. O. E. W., by the Grand Deputy of Kentucky, William R. Freeman, at the U. B. F. Hall, Monday evening, January 3, 910, from 9 to 12 p. m. The three floors were elaborately decorated with flags, bunting and Elk colors galore. Sove's orchestra appeased the patience with joyous strains. The Exalted Ruler, George Robinson, appointed R. D. Grant master of ceremonies, and at his instance three timely addresses were delivered by Dr. James H. Sebree, Dr. G. R. Bryant and Mr. Jesse Howe. This was the first time that the Elks ever attempted to prove that they were not hermits by admitting ladies o see and feel their horns around their festaive board. 'Tis frequently said by members that they will never regret it. Officers installed were: George Robinson, E. R.; Charlton Garrard, E. S. K.; Thompson Parker, E. S. K.; R. D. Grant, E. S. K.; Peter Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Hurley, Secretary; Samuel Martyn, Chaplain; Joseph Sove, Inner Guard; Benjamin Taylor, Tyler; William R. Freeman, G. D of Ky.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Joseph L. Dangerfield, a pioneer citizen of Atlantic City, died Tuesday, January 4. The deceased came to this city in 1877, and for a number of years conducted a barber shop at Indiana and Atlantic avenues which is known now as the Brunswick Buffet. Mr. Dangerfield was prominent in church and society circles, and at his death was a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. The funeral was held Saturday, the 8th, and the sad procession, attended by the Knights of Pythias and their field music, will long be remembered by the relatives and many friends....The Citizens' Protective Association, the largest and strongest political club in the First Ward of our city, held its first meeting in the new year Friday evening last. The following officers were elected: President, Harry Holland; vice-president, Raymond Heath; recording secretary, Gilbert Jackson; financial secretary, John Smith; treasurer, Stephen Dawson; chaplain, Josiah Mixon; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Williams; legal adviser, William Cheatham, and leader, Thomas Jackson. Mr. Jackson was elected leader for another term, and at present he is filling one of the most important places on the city pay roll....The bright sunshine of Saturday and Sunday last brought another record-breaking crowd to our city by the sea....The wife of Contractor Jefferson was taken to the hospital Saturday. We hope for her speedy recovery....The A. E. Edwards Publishing Company, 1908 Arctic avenue, is the Atlantic City public correspondence of the Indianapolis FREEMAN, and the paper is for sale every week at their news stands, Haddon Hall, Southern Cafe near Pennsylvania railroad, Morris drug store N. New York avenue, and Fullman barber shop N. Kentucky avenue.... The high officials of the Pennsylvania railroad were here Sunday looking over a site to build a handsome million-dollar station. ....Mrs. Mary Bailey and Mrs. Tiny Collins, nieces of Mrs. Dangerfield, were on from Pittsburg to attend the funeral of their uncle last week....Pacific Lodge, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, has issued bonds that may be purchased by the brethren for stock in the hall which will be erected in the near future....Mr. William Moore, of the local carrier force, is now back on duty after a long and painful illness....Prof. Thomas, after changing doctors, is now rapidly recovering.

DES MOINES, IA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral of the late Charles Ray took place at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Sunday, at 1:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Hawkeye Lodge No. 160, I. B. P. O. E. W. It was very largely attended....The many friends of Mr. Fred Jackson were pained to hear of his death, which occurred at the Clarinda Hospital on Tuesday morning, January 4. The remains were brought to Des Moines and the funeral services were held at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. They were in charge of the Masonic Lodge No. 2. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Taylor and Miss Lulu Jackson, and a large number of friends....The many friends of Mr. Henry Murray were shocked to hear of the very serious accident that happened to him in the mines last week. He was severely crushed and sveral bones were broken....Mr. Charles Shilf is reported as much improved, which is very good news to his many friends....Mrs. Clara Fleming, who had the misfortune to fall down a pair of stairs and break her leg several weeks ago, is yet in a very serious condition....The ball and banquet given by the I. B. P. O. E. W., Hawkeye Lodge No. 160, was a grand success socially and financially....Mrs. Luvenia Woods, of West Ninth street, is reported critically ill at this writing....Mrs. Patton, who resides on East Second street, has been very ill, but is improving slowly....Mrs. Ethel Bowman Smith left with her husband for New York, where they will be at home to their friends after February 1.

WILMOT, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mattie Bankston entertained a few ladies at a New Year's dinner given in honor of William Bankston, Jr., who was eight years old January 1....Mr. and Mrs. Nathan King spent the holidays at Dermott, Ark., visiting friends....Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Watkins spent the holidays at Jones, La., visiting Mr. Polk Hunter and family and other friends.... Polk Hunter is the wealthiest Negro in this section of the country. He owns and keeps one of the best farms in Morehouse parish. He founded and supports Hunter's Institute, a splendid graded school for colored boys and girls....Mr. J. B. Gabe, a prosperous farmer of Ashley county, loves the G. O. P. and always keeps up with the actions of President Taft....Miss Nancy Franks, a teacher in the Wilmot graded schools, spent the holidays in Little Rock. Miss Franks will enter Fiske University at Nashville, Tenn., this fall....The Negroes of Wilmot are arousing to duty. They are patronizing the Negro physician as never before. Dr. C. H. Watkins is adding new patients to his list every week. Negroes everywhere are realizing that the Negro physician is as competent to practice medicine as those of any other race. Meharry at Nashville and Howard at Washington equal any of the white medical colleges in the South....Mr. W. B. de Yampert, president of the school board, and Dr. E. O. McDermott, secretary, have made the Wilmot colored schools equal to the best in the State. These gentlemen are the highest type of the Southern white man. We appreciate them....Let every Negro home read THE FREEMAN. Leave your subscription at the office of Dr. C. H. Watkins.

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No. 18494.

William Nettles vs. Hiram Bellew.

Complaint to foreclose real estate.

Be it known, that on the 30th day of October, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Hiram Bellew, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Hiram Bellew, is not a resident of the State of nIdiana, and above action is for foreclosure of certain mortgage on certain real estate situated in Marion County, Indiana, as described in complaint, and said defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 15th day of March, 1910.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and epndency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of March, 1910, the same being the 8th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March, 1910, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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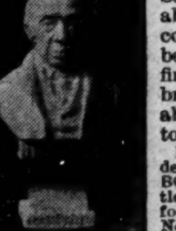

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